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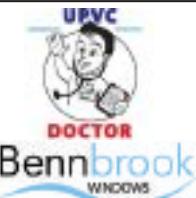
Pervert tried to sexually assault girl of just nine



John Mercer abducted
a nine-year-old
before taking
her to the
woods

- Court hears how he abducted youngster and then lured her into woodland
- Victim ran off but she and her family were left 'traumatised' by incident
- 30-year-old also had indecent images and was jailed for five years

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THE TOP 10 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Bishop's Stortford Farmers and Craft Market will be championing local produce

SILVER SCREEN**FILMS IN SAFFRON WALDEN: NOVEMBER 3-8 AT THE SAFFRON SCREEN**

If you fancy escaping from the cold by going for a trip to the pictures this week, then you can visit the Saffron Screen.

The films being shown at the Screen this week cover a range of different genres and age groups so there is something for everyone.

From Jennifer Lawrence's latest movie Mother, Goodbye Christopher Robin to the Tel Aviv set In Between.

The classic silent Buster Keaton comedy The General is also being shown, together with a live piano accompaniment, and there will be a panel discussion following the screening of 1998 sci-fi film Gattaca.

For more information or to book online visit www.saffronscreen.com or call the Box Office on 01799 500238.

ONE LOVE**BEST OF BOB MARLEY: NOVEMBER 4 AT THE RHODES ART COMPLEX**

All of Bob Marley's greatest hits will be brought to life again in Bishop's Stortford on Saturday night.

The band Legend, led by the charismatic Michael Anton Phillips, are second to none when it comes to tribute acts for the late, great reggae artist.

Prepare to dust out the torches on your phone and the lyrics to I Shot the Sheriff for a night celebrating Marley's life and music.

Tickets cost £20 for adults and £18 for concessions.

For more information and to book tickets visit www.rhodesbishopsstortford.org.uk

LIGHT UP THE SKY**FIREWORKS DISPLAY: NOVEMBER 4 AT BISHOP'S STORTFORD RUGBY CLUB**

Don't miss out on the rugby club's annual spectacular fireworks display, now in its 15th year.

There will be plenty of pre-fireworks entertainment as well with a children's



Get ready to ooh and aah at the fireworks this weekend

fun fair, a bar (selling hot and cold drinks), barbecue and live music from the Mugabees & the Bishop's Stortford Somewhere to Sing people's choir.

Visitors are advised to get down early, with the doors opening at 5pm, to avoid missing out on the display.

A family ticket, for two adults and two children, is £15 and can be purchased here www.tickettailor.com/checkout/view-event/id/74241/chk/9af8

LOCAL PRODUCE**BISHOP'S STORTFORD FARMERS AND CRAFT MARKET: NOVEMBER 4 AT NORTH STREET**

Come down to Bishop's Stortford this Saturday to try and buy some of the best produce from in and around the area.

The market champions artisan food and crafts, running from 9.30am to 1.30pm. For more information please contact: rosanna.zaffuto@bishopsstortford.gov.uk

GET SHOPPING**AUTUMN CRAFT FAIR: NOVEMBER 4 AT ST BARNABAS CENTRE, THORLEY PLAYHOUSE**

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This family friendly concert includes music from Star Wars, Mars and culminates with a traditional 'last night of the proms'.

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Tickets available on the door. Adults: £7 - Concessions: £5.

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FIREWORK SHOW**FIREWORK DISPLAY: NOVEMBER 4 AT PARSONAGE LANE PARK**

This fantastic annual fireworks event is run by the Parsonage Residents Association.

Expect a truly exciting display, with the event starting at 6pm before the fireworks are let off at 6.30pm. Please note there is no bonfire.

BALLET NIGHT**THE NUTCRACKER: NOVEMBER 3 AT THE RHODES ART COMPLEX**

One of the most famous ballets in the world, Tchaikovsky's Christmas treat The Nutcracker is being brought to life in Bishop's Stortford this week.

In this, the most traditional tale, Clara and The Nutcracker travel together to the Land of the Sweets where the Sugar Plum Fairy is reunited with her prince - and where the magic of Christmas is born.

An unforgettable musical score

combines with magical choreography, exquisite costumes and breath-taking scenery that together creates a true Christmas fantasy.

Tickets cost £16 for adults and £14 for concessions.

To book tickets or find more information visit www.rhodesbishopsstortford.org.uk

MP pleads: 'Bring health care in Harlow into 21st century'

Halfon praises staff but tells House of Commons about need for a new hospital

By Michael Mutch
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PRINCESS Alexandra NHS Trust has welcomed the support from MP Robert Halfon for a new hospital to be built in Harlow.

The Harlow MP spoke in the House of Commons on Wednesday, October 18, to address the need to replace the 1960s-built infirmary with a brand new health campus that will "bring healthcare in Harlow into the 21st century".

Mr Halfon told Westminster Hall that despite securing extra funding to improve the hospital over the years, the time had come to replace the deteriorating infrastructure.

He said: "There is only so much that can be done as the hospital stands."

"It is for those reasons that I am putting forward the case today for capital funding for a new health campus in Harlow, bringing together accident and emergency services, GP provision, social care, physiotherapy and a new ambulance hub, bringing health care in Harlow into the 21st century," he added.

He went on to praise the staff at Princess Alexandra, but added that their professionalism and hard work would "go to waste" if they continue to work in a hospital that is not fit for purpose.

Incredible

"I have visited the Princess Alexandra Hospital many times," he added.

"I defy the minister to find more professional and dedicated staff, doctors and nurses, working day and night to look after the people of Harlow and the surrounding area."

"I've seen incredible work in the A&E, intensive care and the maternity and children's units."

"That is why I know that the staff working in PAH are second to none."

"However, this professionalism and hard work will go to waste unless our hospital is fit for purpose."

The current structure was first built in 1966 and serves a population of 350,000 people in Harlow and the surrounding areas.

But the hospital was given an 'overall inadequate' rating in a report by the Care Quality Commission in 2016, citing that its estate was in need of repairs that could cost 'tens of millions'.

NHS England officials suggested that refurbishments would be more fitting than the development of a new hospital due to capital funding restraints.

Mr Halfon described this solution as "the equivalent of an Elastoplast; a short-term

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Lance McCarthy, Chief Executive of Princess Alexandra Hospital Trust, said: "Our priority is quality of care and safety of all of our patients, and our staff are fully committed to providing this; but they are working in aged infrastructure."

"That is why we are committed to advancing our ambitions for a new hospital fit for the 21st century to serve our communities and we welcome the support for this provided by our local MPs, CCGs, Local Authorities and the STP."

Vision

"We have developed a Strategic Outline Case which has been submitted to our regulator, NHS Improvement, and we are looking to develop an Outline Business Case within the next 12 months."

"I welcome Mr Halfon's vision and recognition and am grateful for his support for us in Parliament."

Princess Alexandra Hospital, above, has been defended by Harlow MP Robert Halfon, left, despite being graded as 'overall inadequate'

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Gemma's day 'made' with spot on top list

THE list of the most 100 influential people from Essex has revealed with multi-millionaires, reality stars and politicians dominating the rankings

Business magnate Lord Sugar has been named the most influential person with the manager and owner of Billericay Town FC Glenn Tamplin named as second in 2017's Essex Power 100 list.

Witham MP Priti Patel was named as the third most influential while Towie's Joey Essex and actor Danny Dyer were in fourth and fifth in the list described as the "Forbes for Essex".

Number

Gemma Collins, or The Real GC, as she likes to be named, said being placed at number 7 had 'made her day'.

Amara Khan of EssexPower100 said "This year there has been some stiff competition, the challenge for our judging panels is that this isn't a rich list – so they are having to weigh up how influential a candidate is based on their achievements and merit as compared to others on the list."

The list takes into account the achievements of people who either reside in or were born in the county and isn't based on their earnings.

Following incident, described as 'every parent's worst nightmare', Man jailed for five years after nine-year-old girl runs from assault attempt

By Piers Meyler

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POLICE have said a little girl "escaped every parent's worst nightmare" after being lured into a Harlow woods by a serious sex offender.

John Mercer of Quarry Spring, who has young children of his own, called out to the young girl on a warm summer's evening on June 17 of this year.

The Harlow dad abducted the nine-year-old before taking her to the woods and trying to sexually

assault her.

The 30-year-old approached a girl who was out playing with friends and when she was alone, he walked her to a wooded area where he said he wanted to talk to her about sex and attempted to touch her.

Parents

The distressed and frightened girl ran off and informed her parents.

When police arrested Mercer, they found images of indecent images on an online file he had

access to through his mobile phone.

Many of these were of the most serious category.

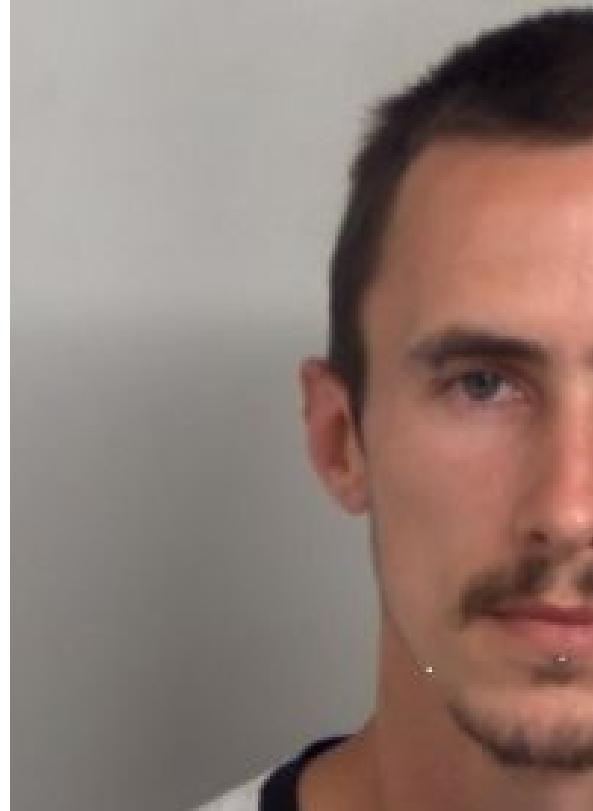
He was charged with abducting a child, attempted sexual assault, and three counts of making indecent images of children.

He pleaded guilty at Chelmsford Crown Court on Sunday, July 17 and was sentenced on Friday, October 27 to five years in jail in total.

He must also sign the Sex Offenders' Register for life and was made subject of a sexual

harm prevention order, which will run indefinitely.

Investigating officer DC Alana McCreath said: "Mercer subjec-



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police find indecent images of most serious category on mobile



John Mercer of Quarry Spring abducted a nine-year-old before taking her to the woods and trying to sexually assault her



Chelmsford Crown Court, where the trial took place

ran home.

“Although she was not physically harmed, his actions have left her and her family deeply distressed and traumatised.

“I want to pay tribute to her bravery and courage throughout this investigation.

Nightmare

“These were very serious offences and the judge described in court how Mercer's actions were every parent's worst nightmare.

“I hope the sentence passed gives the victim some reassurance to know he is behind bars.”

The court heard how despite not being physically harmed, the psychological effects of the incident have left the girl and her family

traumatized.

Fortunately she quickly realised that she was in danger and

had claimed that hundreds of indecent images on his phone were on his phone because of a blackmailing incident from someone he met on a swingers

website.

Judge Emma Peters, in her sentencing remarks, said: “Those who take pleasure in watching these images fuel child abuse.”

“I hear about these on a regular basis, sometimes daily, and these are some of the most repulsive examples of child pornography I have heard of – the content of it defies description.

Watching

“Let me be clear in saying that watching this fuels this trade.”

“You have pleaded guilty to abduction and attempted sexual assault which I give you full credit for, but I do not accept your account of how these hundreds of images are on your mobile device.”

Fire crews battle blaze in riverside office block

A FIRE that has damaged a commercial building in Harlow was caused by faulty lighting, Essex Fire and Rescue have said.

Three crews attended the incident in River Way after a fire broke out at around 11.15pm on Sunday (October 29).

On arrival firefighters reported that the fire was in a store room which was totally alight.

The building has suffered some smoke and fire damage.

Two men suffered smoke inhalation and were left in the care of the Ambulance Service.

Reports

A spokesman from the East of England ambulance service said: “We were called to reports of a fire in River Way, Harlow, yesterday (October 29) at 11.43pm.

“An ambulance and two vehicles from our Hazardous Area Response Team (HART) attended to treat two patients with smoke inhalation.

“No patients required hospital.”



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Thieves steal charity boxes from three separate businesses in day

A NUMBER of charity boxes have been stolen from three separate Sawbridgeworth businesses.

The offences took place over a two day period starting last Sunday, when money boxes were taken from a dry cleaners and two different cafés.

One café is believed to have had a concrete block thrown through its window in order to gain entry.

A spokeswoman on behalf of Hertfordshire Constabulary said:

“A charity box was stolen from dry cleaners in Bakers Walk between 10am on Sunday, October 29 and 5.14am on Monday, October 30.

“It is believed the offender(s) threw a concrete block through the window to gain access to the business. Money was also removed from the till.

“A charity box and cash from the till was stolen from a café in Bakers Walk between 5.30pm on Sunday, October 29 and 6am on Monday, October 30.

“Items including a charity box and cash were stolen from a café in Church Street after offenders forced entry between 4.30pm on Sunday, October 29 and 10am on Monday, October 30.”

Anyone with any information is asked to contact the Sawbridgeworth Local Crime Unit via the non-emergency number 101 or online at www.contacthertspolice.uk/report. Or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Drug dealer is jailed

Judge tells defendant he 'threw away his last chance'

By Sophie Finnegan

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A HARLOW drug dealer has been jailed after throwing away his "last chance" following an earlier conviction.

Kirahm Blake, 21, was handed a six-month prison sentence after admitting to dealing cannabis and breaching the terms of an earlier sentence.

He appeared at Chelmsford Crown Court on Wednesday, October 24, when Judge Patricia Lynch told him he "deserved" the

sentence he received.

On June 4, officers from a local drugs team were on patrol in Wilfiefield, Harlow when they became aware of Blake acting suspiciously.

He was seen darting across the road and was covering his face seemingly to evade a marked police car that was in the area.

Blake went out of sight but he was soon caught after he ran into a set of garages and was found hiding in the front garden of a house nearby.

A police dog was called and was

able to conduct an area search where a "man bag" was found in a bush.

Inside the bag, officers found £900 in cash split up into £100 folds, a broken iPhone and a bank card in his name.

They did not find any drugs but Blake was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of cannabis.

A further phone was found on his body and were analysed by officers and a drugs expert who confirmed the messages were linked to the supply of cannabis.

The "burner" phone was described as cheap and was not registered to anyone and therefore could be disposed of quickly.

A total of 53 of messages linked him to dealing and were dated from the previous day.

Some of the texts found read:

Blake who has previous convictions for offences, including burglary and drug possession.

Prosecuting lawyer Miss Davison argued that he had "some awareness of the scale of the operation," and played somewhat of a "significant role."

Blake was found guilty of drug dealing

Mitigating lawyer, Mr Halsall, said: "He is a young man, a man with some prospects, he has both education and further education behind him.

"Mr Blake is a man who is prepared to take some responsibility for his actions and who could benefit from some kind of

drug rehabilitation.

"He is at the cusp of manhood, there is hope there."

Judge Lynch said: "I said if you ever came before me again, I would have no hesitation in sending you to prison and that is what I'm going to do because I gave you a chance on the last occasion."



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Dealer had heroin and cocaine in car

Police found more than 50 wraps during operation

By Sophie Finnegan
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A HARLOW drug dealer hid more than 50 wraps of crack cocaine and heroin in his car in an organised drug operation named Mel-low.

Shaquelle Davis, 21, admitted possession with intent to supply both cocaine and heroin after police recovered 52 wraps concealed behind a plastic section within his vehicle.

In August, shortly before midnight, police were made aware of a Vauxhall Astra that was driven by the defendant.

Tagline

There was a suggestion that the vehicle was being used for drug dealing under the tagline 'Mel-low', which was an operation supplying crack cocaine and heroin to the Harlow area.

Officers stopped the vehicle and on questioning, the defendant provided false information.

Davis gave officers a fake name of Phillip Prince and also gave them a false date of birth.

On questioning, Davis said that he had not been arrested before, but police became suspicious of



The dealer had drugs hidden in his car

his details after searching the name Phillip Prince and discovering he had been arrested before.

An officer could see money and a mobile phone inside the car and he was arrested on suspicion of being concerned with the supply

of drugs.

He was taken to Harlow police station where he was strip searched.

While officers were searching the car, they removed a piece of plastic from above the steering wheel where they found 52 small wraps of heroin and crack cocaine. He was then arrested for possession with intent to supply.

Two mobile phones and £120 in cash were also recovered and on his satellite navigation system there were a number of postcodes for addresses in Harlow.

Searched

The defendant's home in London was searched, where his brother told officers he did not live there but stayed there from time-to-time.

In his wardrobe police found two further mobile phones.

Traffic cameras in Harlow picked up the vehicle 37 times in just one week.

The defendant was also found to have just a provisional license and had no insurance.

On September 6, he entered a guilty plea for all matters.

Judge Lynch adjourned the case until November 15.

Man is spared prison despite breaching of a suspended sentence

A MAN from Harlow avoided jail after being found with just ten pounds worth of cannabis.

Jordan Henry, 31, admitted to possessing cannabis and breaching a suspended sentence.

He was stopped by officers and admitted to having a small bag of cannabis and a further small bag at his home address worth around £10.

Henry made a full admission in his police interview and entered a guilty plea at the earliest opportunity.

On May 19, he was given a nine month prison sentence which was suspended for 24 months.

Previous

He has previous convictions including possession including intent to supply and he received a suspended sentence of two years for possessing 40 grams of cannabis and £1,000 in cash.

Mitigating lawyer, Ms Fraser, said: "The amount of cannabis was a small amount for his own personal use.

"He has just found himself some work where he was just starting to show a real commitment to working.

"He has now been offered a long term placement from the people he works for which tells me he has shown some commitment.

"Mr Henry now has a permanent address and a girlfriend who has never been in



The man admitted to having a small amount of cannabis

trouble with the police and has confirmed that they work together to make a future for themselves.

"At 31 years of age, he seems to be showing a sense of maturity."

Ms Fraser also added that he has an addiction to cannabis and is working hard to cut it out of his life.

At Chelmsford Crown court on Wednesday of last week (October 25), Judge Lynch handed him a six month deferred sentence telling the court: "I will want proof of his job, proof that he has been working hard and proof of his secure relationship."

Mr Henry will next appear in Chelmsford Crown Court on April 25, 2018.

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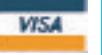
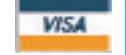
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The Editor

YOUR VIEWS

■ FOREIGN AID

Live within our means

CHINA'S economy is growing furiously from exploiting minerals all over the world, especially in Africa.

Rather than us the UK giving aid to these countries in Africa we should concentrate on helping them build infrastructure like railways and motorways for transportation of food produce and other goods in return for minerals and BP petrol contracts.

Our chancellor Philip Hammond has to realise that it is far more effective saving and living within our means than giving aid to countries like India when they have their own space programme.

Jawad Sharief
Harlow

■ DEVELOPMENT

Homes not warehouses

I WONDER how many residents of Harlow are aware that the former GSK south site at the Pinnacles is soon to have a number of large warehouses



A large number of warehouses are planned for the former GSK building in Harlow

totalling 46,916 square metres built on it?

Not many I should think

because Harlow Council's idea of consulting the public on this major development includes less

than 200 residents living near the proposed development.

Once completed there is no doubt that there will be yet more heavy lorries travelling across the town creating congestion on and damage to the roads.

With the need for more new housing in the town and the prospect of thousands of new jobs being created in the next five years just across the road from this site, I believe the council should have redesignated the area for housing use. I attended one of the public consultation exhibitions held by the developer in the local church earlier this year and it was made clear to me by their representatives that they wanted to use the site for housing but had been told by the council that such a change of use would not be granted.

There are empty warehouses in the town, surely we do not need more to be constructed at a time when new housing within the town's boundaries is so badly needed.

Nicholas Taylor
Harlow

■ NEW COUNCILLOR

Engage with the electorate

I WAS depressed to read the letter from our new councillor for Toddbrook stating "I would like to thank the residents of Toddbrook who overwhelmingly voted Labour in the by election".

I have some respect for Cllr Tony Edwards and so was happy with his election. But the

residents of Toddbrook did not vote for him overwhelmingly.

It would be accurate to claim he received more votes than all his opponents put together but for every voter who went out to vote three stayed at home.

He received the support of 702 members of the electorate, which is about 15 per cent – hardly overwhelming.

This is yet another example of the political deception, about which I have challenged the Labour Party over the years.

His letter also demonstrates another way in which Labour is in danger of losing its way despite the hopes engendered by the Corbyn success.

There is still evidence that Labour is concentrated on seeking power rather than developing effective policies, which will benefit residents, especially those least advantaged.

Cllr Tony Edwards having been elected, should engage with the electorate, working for and with the residents rather than being a spokesman for the Labour party or an instrument of carrying out national government policy.

We need new ideas, alternative solutions, and radical vision.

It is these, which will ultimately change the electorate's minds and encourage them to come out to vote for a constructive new approach for the town.

Revd Dennis Li Nadin M.Ed
Harlow

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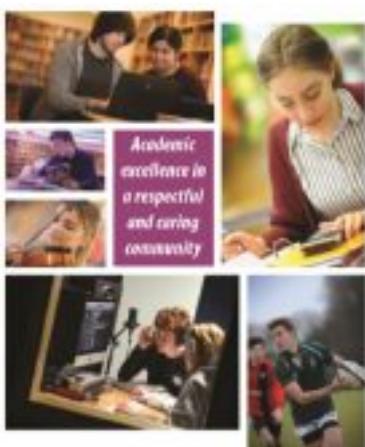
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Get ready for fireworks night

Displays across Harlow and Essex are set to light up the night sky this weekend

By Clare Youell

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IT'S that time of year again when the skies are lit up with beautiful fireworks and there are plenty of displays taking place this week in Brentwood and beyond to keep you entertained.

Here are some of the main events happening across the county in the coming days:

Harlow Fireworks Display

Where: Showground, Harlow Town Park, Harlow, Essex

When: Sunday, November 5

What's it like? There'll be a bonfire, fireworks and entertainment for all. The event will have a Harlow 70 theme.

Cost: Free
www.harlow.gov.uk/bonfire-firesworks-night

Billericay Fireworks

Where: Lake Meadows Park, Lake Meadows, Radford Crescent, Billericay, CM12 0BW

When: Saturday, November 4, gates open 5.30pm, ends at 9pm

What's it like? A huge fireworks display which attracts around 20,000 people each year. The fireworks are set off to music in front of the beautiful lake setting

There are two displays:

Kids' display at 6pm with music from Pixar films

Main display at 8pm with fireworks choreographed to 'big tunes'

There is lots of entertainment too including bonfire, a Heart Essex stage,

fairground rides, Guy Fawkes comedy theatre, torchlight procession, DJ, food, coffee, mulled wine and mulled cider tents.

Cost: Tickets on the gate - £9 adults, £6 children
www.billericayfireworks.co.uk

Saffron Walden Fireworks Display

Where: Saffron Walden Common, Common Hill, Saffron Walden, Essex CB10 1JH

When: Saturday, November 4. Gates open at 6pm, entertainment starts at 7pm.

What's it like? As well as the large fireworks display, there will be entertainment, a fun fair, food stalls and collections for charity. This event is organised by the Saffron Walden Round Table.

Ingrave Johnstone School Bonfire and Fireworks

Where: Button Common, Herongate, Brentwood CM13 3PN

When: Saturday, November 4. Gates open 4.30pm, bonfire lit 5.30pm, fireworks 6pm

What's it like? A great fireworks display with food, music, novelties and amusements.

Cost: In advance - £6 adults, £3 children, £2 Ingrave Johnstone children On the door - £8 adults, £4 children, pre school children go free.

Danbury Fireworks

Where: Danbury Outdoors, Well Lane, Danbury, near Chelmsford, CM3 4DT

When: Saturday, November 4

What's it like? Brought to you by the Friends of Danbury Scout Group, they've been organising this event since 1968. A dedicated group of over 200 leaders, parents and friends of the Scout Group, they raise

money every year to help maintain the local club and other worthwhile causes. In addition to the promised fireworks display, there will be a huge bonfire, plenty of food outlets, a

beer tent and fun fair to keep everyone entertained.

Cost: Advance adults £7, children £3; on the gate adults £8, children £4
www.danburyfireworks.org.uk

Southend Fireworks

Where: City Beach, Southend seafront, Southend, Essex SS1 2EJ

When: Every Saturday night from October 8 - November 19

What's it like? A big fireworks display over the sea every Saturday night. They overlook Adventure Island too where you can enjoy lots of rides and refreshments.

Maldon Fireworks at Promenade Park

Where: Promenade Park, Park Drive, Maldon, Essex CM9 5JQ

When: Saturday, November 4, 6.30pm - 9pm

What's it like? The biggest display in the town, the main Maldon fireworks display happens every year overlooking the water.

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HarlowStar



Accident victim had traces of two drugs in his system

Inquest told 46-year-old's car veered into path of oncoming vehicle

By Richard Duggan

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A HARLOW man whose car careered into the path of an oncoming Range Rover carrying a young child had traces of morphine and methadone in his system, an inquest has heard.

Paul Pennings, 46, was driving on the B1393 High Road towards Harlow when his Volkswagen Polo smashed into the car travelling in the opposite direction towards Epping on Saturday, July 1.

The force of the crash projected Mr Pennings, of Little Pynchons, into the steering wheel of his Volkswagen, Essex Coroner's Court heard last Thursday afternoon.

Although medics were called to the scene, Mr Pennings was pronounced dead shortly after 3pm.

An investigation conducted by Essex Police found there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding the tragic crash.

A post-mortem examination carried out at Princess Alexandra Hospital gave a cause of death as multiple traumatic injuries due to a traffic collision.

But a toxicology report found Mr Pennings, who was born in Balham, had traces of drugs in his system which included morphine and methadone.

The only evidence heard during the hearing came from the spoken testimony of PC Katherine Burke, one of the officers who attended the scene of the collision.

PC Burke explained that neither adverse weather conditions or mechanical faults had contributed to the accident which claimed Mr Pennings's life.

"We could find no evidence it had been in contact with another vehicle prior to the accident," said PC Burke when asked about Mr Penning's Polo.

Opposite lane

Witness evidence and forensic examination of the scene showed Mr Pennings had driven almost fully into the opposite lane moments before crashing into a Range Rover Evoke driven by Joahne Van Praagh - whose daughter was sat in a booster seat.

The collision saw both vehicles spin away from each other, with the Polo forced backwards by the larger car's weight and centre of gravity.

"It's likely he intended to brake before the collision," added PC Burke.

"The brake pad was to the floor of the vehicle."

She also explained how during the aftermath of the crash, a witness found Mr Pennings had not been wearing a seatbelt.

Instead, he had wrapped the strap around his right arm.

Despite one witness's assertion Mr Pennings had attempted to overtake a vehicle in front, police were unable to find any other evidence to corroborate this.

Officers also found nothing to suggest Mr Pennings had fallen asleep behind the wheel, but conceded the possibility he had become unwell or suffered a medical episode.

"Probable elevated levels of drugs in his system could have been a factor in the collision," summarised PC Burke.

Police were also unable to establish whether a text message read by Mr Pennings shortly before the incident could have played its part, as the phone's time settings were incorrect.

Having considered the evidence, Senior Coroner Caroline Beasley-Murray recorded that Mr Pennings died as a result of an accident.

Before formally concluding the inquest, Mrs Beasley-Murray expressed her sympathy to Mr Pennings' family, who decided not to attend.



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Sixth Form Open Evening

The John Warner School are pleased to invite Year 11 students to the school's Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday, 9th November 2017 from 18:00 to 20:00

Motorist is banned for denying he drove car

A MAN has been banned from driving and fined £1,000 for blaming another person when he was caught travelling at 107mph on the M25.

Mohammed Abu Hassan, 27, of Sherbourne Avenue, Upton, was caught doing 107mph on the M25 clockwise near Epping at about 12.10am on October 24, 2016 in his white Volkswagen Golf.

A letter was sent to Hassan on October 27, 2016, with a notice of intended prosecution and a Section 172 notice to disclose who was driving. On November 17, 2016, Hassan responded, naming another person as the nominated driver.

Officers attempted to contact the person nominated but after no response, inquiries later established the nominee was not registered at the address provided and could not be traced.

Hassan was then sent another letter on January 17, 2017, stating this information was insufficient. Hassan was given a further seven days to make a full and correct nomination but police did not receive a response.

Hassan later again stated he was not driving at the time but failed to nominate a driver.

At Colchester Magistrates' Court on he was banned from driving for six months, fined £1,000 and must pay a victim surcharge of £100.



Mr Jeremy Scott, Co-Headteacher and the Directors of Post 16 Education, Mr Stephen Cove and Ms Lauren Thomas, will speak to parents and prospective students in the main hall at 18:15.

There will be an opportunity to speak to subject teachers and current students and a chance to view the school's outstanding facilities, including the new Mathematics, English and Humanities buildings.

A tour of the school can be arranged on request.

We look forward to meeting you on the 9th November 2017.

Mr D J Kennedy,
Executive Headteacher

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Essex Coroner's Court



The holidays are coming – and the Coca-Cola truck will be visiting too

COCA-COLA has announced that its Christmas truck tour will be coming to Harlow.

For the seventh year running, the festive lorry will tour the country in the run-up to the big day, with 42 locations listed.

What's more, this year's visitors are promised to be treated more than ever.

The iconic Christmas TV

advert from the popular fizzy drinks company also has a release date, coming to screens on November 17.

The tour, which kicks off in Glasgow on November 7, stops off at Harlow's Market Square on Thursday, November 30.

At each stop on the iconic tour, visitors can snap and project their festive selfies across the

side of the truck in a winter wonderland setting.

For those who turn up as the sun sets, the truck is promised to come to life with a special animation celebrating the magic of Christmas.

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Man detained under Mental Health Act

Armed robber spared jail for stealing £6.99 bottle of wine

By Richard Brown

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A MAN from Harlow has been spared jail after he robbed a Co-op store at gunpoint and made off with a £6.99 bottle of white wine.

Joe Badcock, 21, entered the High Street store in Old Harlow, at around 8.20pm on May 3, where staff member Mrs Okpuk, noticed him holding his stomach.

On Friday, October 27, Badcock was sentenced at Chelmsford Crown Court and detained under the Mental Health Act.

Prosecuting, Mr Baig said: "The defendant entered the shop and selected a bottle of wine, not particularly expensive, and Mrs Okpuk asked if he wanted any help and he said 'no'."

"He went to leave the store and Mrs Okpuk stopped him and noticed he had been holding his stomach. She went to challenge him and he pulled out what turned out to be an imitation firearm, a BB gun.

Pointing

"She thought it was a toy, however from the reactions of the other customers and the subsequent pointing it at her head, she changed her view."

Badcock then made off with the £6.99 bottle of Pinot Grigio.

Police subsequently went to his home on May 4, after Badcock's father's partner discovered the bottle.

Badcock suffers with ADHD and Huntingdon's disease, meaning he is subject to a mental health order as opposed to a custodial sentence.

He will remain in a health facility for an indefinite period of time.

Passing sentence, Judge Patricia Lynch said: "As you have heard me say, I have had reports from two doctors. Both of them say that you have an established diagnosis of Huntingdon's and recognised ADHD."

"Therefore, these illnesses combined and individually are recognised mental disorders within the Mental Health Act 1983."

Badcock has been detained under section 37 of the Mental Health Act, after pleading guilty to one charge of robbery and possession of a firearm with intent.

Thousands enjoy first Oktoberfest

THOUSANDS of people flocked to the first Oktoberfest in Essex to enjoy beer and bratwurst.

Now the organisers, from Oktoberfest UK, have said the festival will be coming back in 2018 due to popular demand.

Details of next year's event have not been released yet, but this year's festival was held at Central Park in Chelmsford over three days.

"We were delighted with the success of this year's Oktoberfest Essex and we can confirm it is coming back for next year," a spokesman said.

Harlow is the most ageing town in the whole country

Number of residents over 90 has risen sharply in the past 15 years

By Piers Meyer
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THE number of people aged 90 or older has more than doubled in Harlow during the past 15 years – leaving it as the most rapidly ageing town in Britain.

The only place to have faster growth than this was the City of London, which has a relatively tiny population of less than 10,000 people.

In 2001 there were 284 people aged 90 or older in Harlow which had more than doubled to 648 people, a rise of 128 per cent, by 2016.

The average across the UK was a 52 per cent increase.

Back in 2001, the very oldest people made up one person in every 277 in Harlow, compared to one in 133 last year.

Proportion

Even so, Harlow still had a lower-than-average proportion of people aged 90 or older – the UK average stood at one person in every 115 aged 90 or older.

Other parts of Essex saw similarly rapid increases in the elderly population.

The number of people in Brentwood the population aged 90 or older rose 91 per cent between 2001 and 2016.

In Rochford it was 90 per cent and in Uttlesford 87 per cent.

Tendring had much slower growth but has the highest share



The number of elderly people in Harlow has risen

of elderly people in Essex at one person in every 66.

Data released last month from the Office for National Statistics

showed that there were almost 15,000 people aged 100 or older in the UK.

Of these 14,910 centenarians

some 5,770 were thought to be precisely 100 years old while 870 of the very oldest were 105 or older.

The figure has nearly doubled since 2002, when only 7,750 people in the UK had reached the milestone.

PASSENGERS flying out of Stansted Airport will now have the chance to fly to three major cities in the USA and Canada from only £149.

Primera Air, which is based in Denmark and Latvia, has announced it will add Toronto to its two previously revealed routes to Boston and New York (EWR).

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Bereavements

Barbara ARRAN

Of Newport

Passed away suddenly but peacefully on 25th October 2017 aged 86 years.

Beloved wife of the late Kenneth, much loved mum of Ken, Ian, Tony and Denise and dear Mother-in-Law, Nan and Great Nan.

Funeral to be held at St Mary the Virgin Church, Newport on Tuesday 7th November at 2pm followed by an interment in the churchyard.

Family flowers only but if desired, donations can be made payable to The East Anglian Air Ambulance c/o Peasgood & Skeates, Shire Hill, Saffron Walden, CB11 3AQ or via Barbara's In Memory Page at www.peasgoodandskeates.co.uk



Vera CAVANAGH

Peacefully on 20th October 2017 aged 83 years. The Beloved mum to Shirley and a wonderful loving nan to her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Passed away after a long suffering illness. She will be so sadly missed by all her family. Goodnight God Bless dear mum, nanny and Great Grandma Cav.

Vera's funeral Service will be held on Tuesday 7th November at Parndon Wood Crematorium at 1.45pm

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William Geoffrey CLIFF

Passed away peacefully on the 17th October 2017 at Woodlands View, Stevenage after suffering from a stroke in March. Bill's funeral service will be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Tuesday 14th November 2017 at 11.30am.

Family flowers only please but donations for the British Heart Foundation may be sent to Daniel Robinson & Sons, 3 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB Telephone 01279-722476

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Bereavements

Gavin Lee ELDRED

25.6.1965 - 24.10.2017

Dearly loved Son to Norma, Brother to Suzie and Uncle to Nathan, Louis and Isaac. Suddenly lost but always in our hearts. Funeral service to take place on Monday 13th November 2017 at Parndon Wood Crematorium at 11.30am. Family flowers only please but donations for "Wateraid" may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, 79/81 South Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM23 3AL tel 01279 655477 or via the In Memory Pages at www.drobinson.co.uk

Ronald KENYON

Sadly passed away at home on Tuesday 17th October 2017 aged 88 years. Now reunited with his beloved Doreen.

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Funeral service to be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Friday 10th November at 1.00pm

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Roy QUICK

Formerly of Little Hallingbury, Bishops Stortford. Sadly passed away on Tuesday 10th October 2017, aged 96 years.

Roy will be greatly missed by all his loving family and friends.

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Gwendoline Dora SALMON nee Law

Passed away peacefully on 18th October 2017 aged 82 years. A much loved mother, sister, grandmother and auntie. Funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Thursday 9th November at 11.30am. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, may be made payable to St. John Ambulance and sent c/o Peasgood & Skeates, Shire Hill, Saffron Walden, CB11 3AQ or via her In Memory Page at www.peasgoodandskeates.co.uk

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Bereavements

DENISE SYLVIA STONE

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Irene Elizabeth Annie TRUNDLE

Formerly of Sawbridgeworth, dearly loved Wife of the late Charles Edward Trundle, much loved Mother of Hilary & Iain, Colin & Diana and Barbara & Nick, dearest Grandma to her 7 Grandchildren & dear Great Grandma to her 4 Great Grandchildren, died peacefully on Friday 13th October 2017, aged 93 years. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Linton on Friday 10th November at 1.30pm, followed by interment in the cemetery. Family flowers only please, but if wished donations for Guide Dogs For The Blind, may be sent c/o H. J. Paintin Ltd, 43 High Street, Linton, Cambridge, CB21 4HS.

Derek WALKER

Passed away suddenly but peacefully on Saturday 21st October 2017 aged 85 Years

Much loved and missed by Lisa, Lauren and Jon. Reunited with his beloved Delsy, Graham and Robert. He was the very best of men and his loss is great.

Funeral service to be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Wednesday 8th November at 12.15pm.

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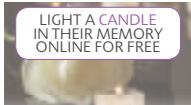
Yvonne, Richard and Diane would like to thank everybody who attended Rob's funeral. Special thanks to Debbie for conducting a wonderful celebration of Rob's life. Also to Masterson Funeral Home for their care and kindness at this sad time. Many thanks for the beautiful flowers and donations to Guide Dogs for the Blind. We thank you all.

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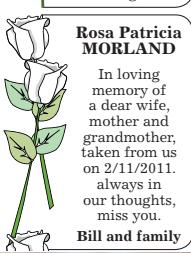
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Janet Leigh in Psycho

78/52 (15) ★★★★

On limited release from November 3

IT'S HARD to believe that a film as revered as Psycho is now was once so derided and dismissed. On its release on 1960, most critics denounced it as nasty and exploitative, a shock horror dressed up as something more than it was by the world's most famous director, Alfred Hitchcock.

But the audience got what the critics didn't. They thrilled to the new type of horror Hitchcock had dished up for them and enjoyed being shocked by things they'd never seen before on the big screen. Critics caught up with what was happening later on.

What thrilled and shocked audiences the most was the infamous shower scene, the centre-piece of the story and what Hitchcock built his film around. This documentary, named for the number of set-ups (78) and cuts (52) in the shower scene, is a deep dive into how one of cinema's most famous sequences came about. Director Alexander O Philippe assembles a cast of film fans and experts (the overlap is considerable) and breaks the shower sequence down into how shots were storyboarded and set up, why Hitchcock cut it like he did, and what effect it had on the audience.

Shot in black and white with an affectionate pastiche of Psycho at the beginning, 78/52 tries to recreate the austere, sense of dread of Hitchcock's film, getting its talking heads to discuss the film in what are meant to be motel rooms.

Tone set, we get a wide variety of industry experts, film lovers and academics chewing the fat about how important and influential Psycho is.

It's interesting and sometimes revelatory, but what the documentary lacks here is the kind of authoritative commentary that would make it feel definitive. We get the odd comment from the likes of Guillermo Del Toro and Peter Bogdanovich, two directors with a touch of genius about them, but not many of the contributors carry the kind heavyweight heft that they do.

However, we do hear from academics who help us put Psycho in its cultural context to a certain extent; namely, that it was a breakthrough in what could be done with mainstream cinema.

78/52 is strong on the technical achievements of the shower scene with editors and cinematographers marvelling at what Hitchcock pulled off. Yet after 90 minutes of close examination and commentary, I still felt the shower scene still had an mesmerising mystery about it, an infernal power that is almost impossible to explain.

Darryl Webber

Haunted by the past

THE KILLING OF A SACRED DEER (15) ★★★★

Released on November 3

In 2009, Greek writer-director Yorgos Lanthimos garnered enough awards to clutter a mantelpiece and a deserved Oscar nomination for his deliciously quirky, dystopian drama Dogtooth.

Weird waltzed hand-in-hand with wonderful inside a secluded compound, where middle-aged parents nurtured their grown-up son and two daughters with an unsettling blend of lip-curling cruelty and kindness.

Ever since, the Athens-born film-maker has delighted us with his dizzyingly inventive character studies, which inhabit a netherworld between reality and fantasy, including the Oscar-nominated love story The Lobster.

In The Killing Of A Sacred Deer, Lanthimos and regular co-writer Eftymios Filippou draw loosely on Greek mythology for a twisted and beguiling morality tale that tests one beleaguered father's love to breaking point.

Revenge is served ice cold, garnished with shavings of creeping psychological dread, set to a discordant soundscape by Johnnie Burn that artfully juxtaposes classical music with an a cappella rendition of Ellie Goulding's dancefloor hit Burn.

Like all of Lanthimos' earlier work, the film is distinguished



Nicole Kidman as Anna Murphy and Colin Farrell as Steven Murphy in The Killing Of A Sacred Deer

by the quality of the writing and he skilfully employs staccato lines of dialogue to pique curiosity and set our nerves on edge.

Cardiac surgeon Steven Murphy (Colin Farrell) meets with a mysterious 16-year-old called Martin (Barry Keoghan).

A few days later, Steven invites Martin to his home and introduces the guest to his wife Anna (Nicole Kidman), 14-year-old daughter Kim (Raffey Cassidy) and younger son Bob (Sunny Suljic).

Over dinner, Martin sombrely reveals that he lost his father in a car accident so now it is just him and his

mother (Alicia Silverstone).

Soon after, a strange affliction takes hold of the Murphy household.

"Dad, I can't get up," whimpers Bob one morning. "My legs are numb!"

The boy is rushed into hospital, where his condition worsens, and then Kim is struck down by the same debilitating symptoms.

"I don't know if what is happening is fair," Martin enigmatically informs Anna, "but it's the only thing I can think of that's close to justice."

The Killing Of A Sacred Deer comes tantalisingly close to replicating the macabre genius

of Lanthimos' earlier work, but falls short in the final act.

Farrell and Kidman deliver haunting performances, the latter laying herself bare for disconcerting sex sequences, while Keoghan oozes righteous rage as a son on a mission to assuage grief with a sacrifice.

A blackly humorous scene with a shotgun is a jaw-dropping flourish that reminds us of the writer-director's ability to smack gobs without straining credibility.

Lanthimos gleefully plays with madness and almost nudges us over the edge of sanity with the characters.

Damon Smith

A big moustache and a classic murder story

MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS (12A)

Released on November 3

KENNETH Branagh directs and sports an impressive moustache in front of the camera as wily Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot in a lavish retelling of Agatha Christie's murder mystery, adapted for the big screen by Michael Green (Logan, Blade Runner 2049).

Poirot is on holiday when he receives an urgent communication to return to London. Thanks to his good friend Bouc (Tom Bateman), the plucky Belgian secures a cabin on board the lavish Orient Express where he is approached by a shady



gangster called Samuel Ratchett (Johnny Depp).

The thug believes his life may be in danger and he

implores Poirot to intervene. As the train chugs along tracks laden with heavy snow, there is a tragic disturbance that

requires Poirot to test his little grey cells to apprehend a diabolical murderer.

Potential suspects include Princess Dragomiroff (Dame Judi Dench) and her companion Hildegarde Schmidt (Olivia Colman), embittered stage actress Caroline Hubbard (Michelle Pfeiffer), Dr Arbuthnot (Leslie Odom Jr) and his acquaintances Mary Debenham (Daisy Ridley) and Biniamino Marquez (Manuel Garcia-Rulfo), and missionary Pilar Estravados (Penelope Cruz).

As temperatures drop, tempers fray and Poirot deduces that he is in the middle of a grand conspiracy and no one should be trusted.

FOOD & DRINK


INGREDIENTS
(Serves 2)

2 medium Violetta artichokes with stalks
 Juice of 1 lemon
 200g white crabmeat
 2tsp brown crabmeat
 2tbsp roughly chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
 2tbsp extra virgin olive oil, plus extra to drizzle
 Sea salt and black pepper

METHOD

- 1 Prepare the artichokes. First cut off some of the stalk, leaving about 5cm attached. Cut or break off the tough outer leaves, starting at the base, until you are left with the pale inner part. Then peel the stalk with a potato peeler, leaving only the pale tender centre. Trim the pointed top of the artichoke straight across, which will reveal the choke.
- 2 Remove the choke with a teaspoon. Slice the artichoke vertically as thinly as possible. As each artichoke is prepared, drop it into a bowl of cold water with half of the lemon juice.
- 3 Combine the white and brown crabmeat with the parsley, remaining lemon juice and the extra virgin olive oil. Season with sea salt and black pepper. Drain the artichokes and stir lightly through the crab to combine.
- 4 Season again and finish with a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil.

TO REALLY understand the soul of a wine you need to visit the region where it is born.

I've just come back from Soave in the north-east of Italy. I had no idea of the beauty of the place.

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Oh, and I might have had a sip or two of wine. Here are some Soave facts...

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1 RIVER Cafe 30's pages are edged luminous pink, to match the restaurant's iconic pizza oven. "We wanted to make a book that reflected not just the food we cook, but also the restaurant we have, the bright colours, the clear graphics," says co-founder and chef Ruth Rogers, 69.

2 WRITING the book was a joint effort – by Ruth, River Cafe head chefs Sian Wyn Owen and Joseph Trivelli, and the late Rose Gray, River Cafe's co-founder, is also credited.

3 RUTH calls the book "a tribute to my partner for all those years", Rose, who died from cancer in 2010.

4 THE pair met in 1969, and started The River Cafe in 1987.

5 IN the book Ruth writes: "Rose is The River Cafe, in everything we do. She is in the way we season the lamb before we put it on the grill. She's there in the way we roll out our pasta dough and slow-cook our vegetables."

6 Lamb and pasta were on the menu from day one. "I remember the first day," Ruth recalls, "one of us made sandwiches and one of us made either a pasta or grilled lamb – we had a very short menu."

7 THE day the duo first saw the site that would become The River Cafe, they met at Drummonds on the Kings Road, which today is a fast food outlet. Ruth writes: "You could say that The River Cafe was actually conceived in a McDonald's."

8 THEY started with nine tables, and now manage more than 250 covers every lunchtime.

9 LEGEND has it they began as a staff canteen. "We didn't," Ruth notes, adamant. "We started as a restaurant, but we were allowed by the restrictions to only open at lunchtime, and only for people who worked in the neighbouring offices."

10 THOSE restrictions were enforced by Hammersmith planners, but Ruth says they "were really brilliant for us, because we grew with the restaurant".

11 AT one point there was a (failed) petition, with 100 signatures, sent to the council to have them closed.

River Cafe: 30 facts on 30 years of good taste

ELLA WALKER PICKS UP SOME TASTY TIDBITS FROM THE FAMED MICHELIN-STARRED RESTAURANT'S FOUNDER RUTH ROGERS

12 RIVER Cafe 30 owes a lot to Ruth and Rose's debut cookbook. "We revisited the Blue book, the iconic one we wrote in 1994. We thought, 25 years later, 'How have these recipes changed?'

13 "SOME of them are just perfect the way they were," says Ruth, like the pressed chocolate cake.

14 OTHERS take into account new cooking techniques and changing tastes.

15 AND some are ridiculously simple – like the blood orange sorbet with only three ingredients.

16 TURN straight to page 311 for 'the crowning recipe': "The chocolate nemesis," says Ruth. "It's creamy without cream; you put it in your mouth and it just melts."

17 ALL the recipe photos were taken outside, so we would cook the food then put it on the table," says Ruth.

18 IN fact, art and style are crucial, both to the book and the restaurant. "It's not an art book," explains Ruth, "but it's a book, when you're cooking, you can look at and see beautiful art."

19 FLICK through and you'll find menus illustrated by famous names. "We approached artists who really have a close relationship with the restaurant."

20 DISCOVER doodles by Cy Twombly, Damien Hirst and Ellsworth Kelly.

21 RUTH believes there is an inherent connection between food and art: "Usually good artists love good food, and a lot of the artists I know are really good cooks."

22 ASIDE from the book, the restaurant celebrated turning 30 with a huge party, featuring 1,000 guests and a Ferris wheel.

23 WHEN it comes to how food culture has changed in the last 30 years, Ruth says: "People travel more; they are more curious, and want to eat the things they very

often ate in a foreign country."

24 SHE doesn't do clean eating: "Clean eating" is not a term I use, but I do worry about a healthy approach to food."

25 IN terms of food anxiety, she says: "I worry about sustainability, I worry that food is of a good quality."

26 "DEVELOPMENT comes day by day, you try and learn from the people you work with," says Ruth. "I think chefs leave not just knowing how to cook."

27 CHEFS such as Jamie Oliver, Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, Theo Randall and April Bloomfield are all River Cafe alumni.

28 THE restaurant has one of the best views of the Thames.

29 THE herb garden is just asking to be nibbled on.

30 MOST important to Ruth is that "we've created a restaurant with values that make people feel like they are coming home".

■ River Cafe 30 by Ruth Rogers, Sian Wyn Owen and Joseph Trivelli, Ebury Press, £28.

RAISE A GLASS WITH JANE CLARE

often blended with the grape trebbiano.

The basic wine is Soave DOC; then Soave Classico DOC is better quality with the grapes grown from the "classic" heartland of the region and Soave Superiore DOCG is the top-end style.

I strolled across the road, through the walled gateway, turning down into historic passageways, to taste my first



Soave wine, Soave Classico Castel Cerino, Coffele 2016 (£9.50, thewinesociety.com, 12.5% abv).

Giuseppe Coffele, 73, is the patriarch of the wine-producing family, a man with enthusiasm in his soul. He described the garganega grape as being like "a beautiful woman, it is difficult to control but when you have finally worked her out she gives you tremendous satisfaction". OK, his words aren't very politically correct, but I get it. The wine had a lovely freshness with aromas of citrus fruit and springtime flowers and a vibrant acidity.

I tasted Inama Soave Classico

2016 (£15.99 or £11.99 in a buy six deal at Majestic, 12% abv) in the gaze of an ancient church, in the early afternoon shade, overlooking a wonderful vineyard. Yes, it was beautiful and so was the wine. Limes, stone fruit, camomile, honey and almonds all shone through within a creamy finish. This would be fantastic with a simple creamy pea risotto.

Wm Morrison Soave Classico (£6.75, Morrisons, 12% abv) is made by the Cantina di Soave, the largest wine co-operative in Italy. It has up to 2,200 members and its headquarters, which combines tradition and new facilities, sits under the



ancient castle at Soave. The wine has simple floral aromas together with a flavour of crisp apples.

Finally, a class act in Gini Soave Classico (£14.95, winidirect.co.uk, 12% abv). The Gini family is one of the oldest wine producers in the Soave Classico region. This Soave has fragrant white flowers, peach and pear on the nose, with a hint of almonds and a mineral, citrus edge.

■ To discover more follow @SoaveWine on Twitter and Instagram, search #soavewine or go to ilsoave.com

■ Jane is a member of the Circle of Wine Writers. Find her on social media and online as One Foot in the Grapes.





MAIN PASTA COURSE

RUTH ROGERS' SPINACH & RICOTTA GNOCCHI

INGREDIENTS (Serves 6)

1kg fresh spinach leaves, blanched and squeezed dry
50g unsalted butter
A small bunch of fresh marjoram
400g fresh ricotta
40g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
3 egg yolks
1/4 nutmeg, grated
120g Parmesan, freshly grated, plus extra for serving
225g unsalted butter
A bunch of fresh sage, leaves picked
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

METHOD:

1. Melt the butter, add the marjoram, and cook for a minute. Add the spinach, and stir to combine the flavours. Season, leave to cool, then chop roughly.
2. In a bowl, lightly beat the ricotta with a fork, then sieve in the flour. Add the egg yolks, nutmeg and Parmesan and fold in the cooled spinach mixture until combined.
3. Line a baking tray with greaseproof paper. Using two dessert spoons, take a small spoonful of mixture and, using the other spoon, mould the mixture so that it forms a gnocchi (a small oval dumpling). Place on the

baking tray. The gnocchi should be 2cm in diameter.
4. To make the sage butter, heat the butter gently so it separates. Pour out the clarified butter into a clean pan and return to the heat. When very hot, add the sage leaves. Remove from the heat and allow to cool.
5. Bring a pan of water to the boil, then lower the heat to a simmer. Gently place the gnocchi in the water in batches. When the gnocchi come back to the surface, remove carefully with a slotted spoon and briefly place the spoon on kitchen paper. Serve on warm plates with sage butter and extra Parmesan.

INGREDIENTS

Serves 10

Unsalted butter and flour for the tin
400g best-quality bitter-sweet chocolate (70%), broken into pieces
300g unsalted butter
10 eggs, separated
225g caster sugar
4tbsp cocoa powder

METHOD:

1. Preheat the oven to 180 degrees C. Butter and line a 30cm round cake tin that is 7.5cm deep, with greaseproof paper.
2. Melt the chocolate with the butter in a heatproof bowl set over a pan of simmering water (the water should not touch the base of the bowl). Remove the bowl from the pan and cool a little, then whisk in the egg yolks. Add the sugar and cocoa powder and mix well.
3. Beat the egg whites until they will form soft peaks. Fold into the chocolate mixture, a third at a time.
4. Pour the mixture into the prepared cake tin. Bake for about 30 minutes or until the

cake has risen like a soufflé and is slightly set.
5. Remove from the oven. Place a piece of greaseproof paper, and a plate on top of that, on the cake - the plate should fit exactly inside the tin - and press down firmly, then weight the plate. Leave to cool for 30 minutes before turning out. Cool completely before serving.

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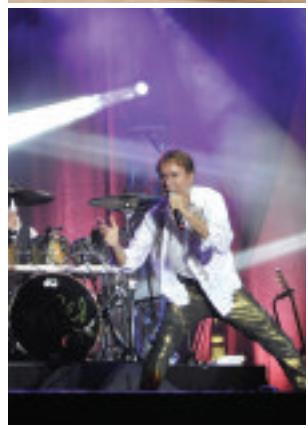
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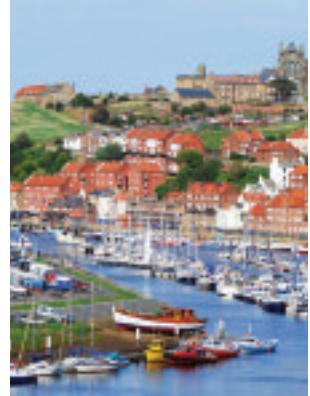
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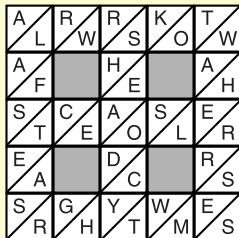
Beginning with the top highlighted letter, follow a continuous path of words associated with the given subject. The trail goes through each letter once, twisting up, down and sideways, but never diagonally.

Ewan McGregor films



Split Decision

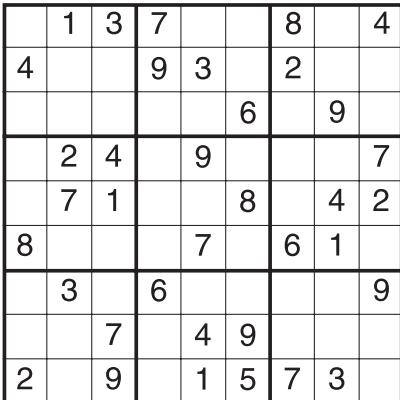
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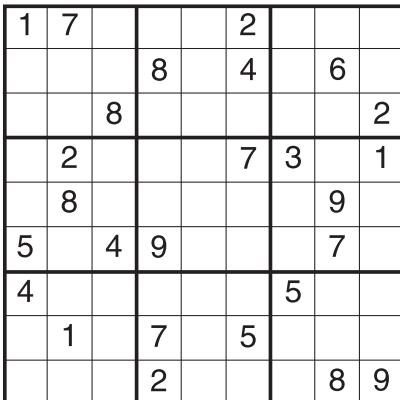
Sudoku

There is one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

Easy



Hard



Two Speed Crossword

This two-speed crossword has two sets of clues, but just one grid. If you can't solve the Cryptic clue, try the Quick.

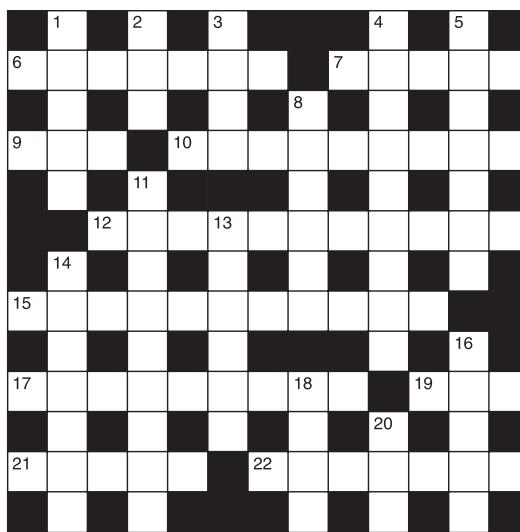
Cryptic

Across

6. This clue is most unfair (7)
7. See 14 Down.
9. See 19 Across
10. Make no mistake in reproducing what belongs to the author (9)
12. Walk round and take the baby out? (11)
15. Becoming despondent - when red card isn't taking trick? (6,5)
17. Runners are associated with a meal... (9)
- 19 & 9Ac. ...a friend consumed, according to taste (6)
21. An operator in the baby-carriage business (5)
22. They're surrounded by nut-cases (7)

Down

- 1 & 16Dn. Do they cause political divisions in the House? (5-5)
2. Move on the snow - almost a sideslip (3)
3. Capital put back in consols, obviously (4)
4. Battery used before charging? (9)
5. The results of exploits in rocket propulsion? (7)
8. Farewell to sleep (3-3)
11. Those who start describing a certain kind of luck (9)
13. Viewpoints that may well be obtuse (6)
- 14 & 7Ac. Tackles that job, as the wrestler does (5,2,5)
16. See 1 Down.
18. Check what is put in the vase (4)
20. African antelope only lately discovered, we hear (3)



Scribble pad

Quick

Across

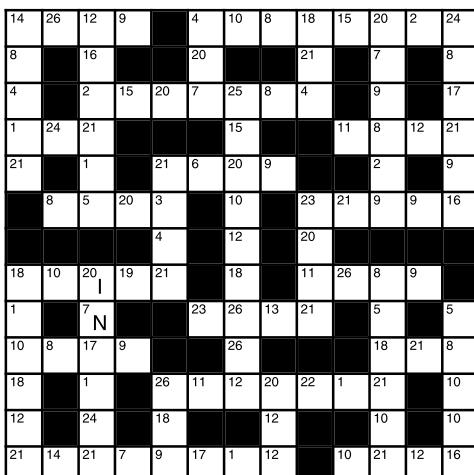
6. Most gloomy (7)
7. Clutches (5)
9. Consumed (3)
10. Control over a work (9)
12. Walk about (11)
15. Becoming disillusioned (6,5)
17. Festive dinner (9)
19. Mate (3)
21. Bird (5)
22. Edible seeds (7)

Down

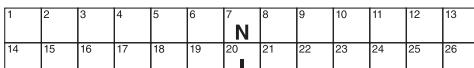
1. Social gathering (5)
2. Glide over snow (3)
3. European capital (4)
4. Cannon (9)
5. Outcomes (7)
8. Informal farewell (3-3)
11. Novices (9)
13. Fishes (6)
14. Regains consciousness (5,2)
16. Barriers (5)
18. Stalk (4)
20. Antelope (3)

Codeword

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.



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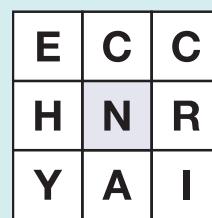


Wordsquare

Give yourself ten minutes to find as many words as possible using the letters in the grid. Each word must use the central letter and at least 3 others, and letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns, but verb forms ending in 's' are permitted. There is one 9-letter word to be found.

How you rate:

15 words - average; 25 words - good; 35 words - very good; 40 or more - excellent.



Quiz

1. James McCardle and Frances de la Tour were among the cast of which recent two-part BBC2 drama, featuring two interconnected love stories sixty years apart?

2. Which Old Testament book chronicles the Israelites' departure from Egypt?

3. Of which country is Lima the capital?

4. On which island in the Inner Hebrides did St. Columba found an early Christian monastery in 563?

5. Of which group of islands in the Indian Ocean is Malé the capital?

6. On the 5th of November of which year was the unsuccessful Gunpowder Plot involving Guy Fawkes?

7. Who was the American inventor of the phonograph and the electric filament lamp?

8. How was American jazz trumpeter John Birks Gillespie better known?

9. On which island in the South Atlantic did Napoleon end his days?

10. Which famous man of comedy and satire died in 1995, at the age of 57?



Q1 - Frances de la Tour

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

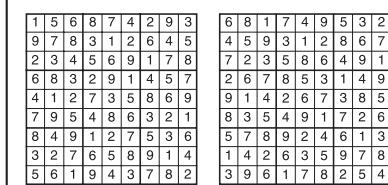
Pathfinder

Physics, English Language, French, Religious Studies, Psychology, History, Graphic Design, Chemistry, Business Studies, Economics, Mathematics, Physical Education, Engineering, Spanish, Textiles, English Literature, Geography, Biology, Computing, Citizenship, Photography.

Quiz

1. Steve Backshall; 2. Quicksilver;
3. Penicillin; 4. Hare; 5. Edward Elgar;
6. David Bowie; 7. Atlanta; 8. Richard Attenborough; 9. The Taj Mahal; 10. Bob Dylan.

Sudoku



Two-Speed Crossword

Across: 7 Fellow feeling; 8 Attended; 9 Slew; 10 Agatha; 12 Images; 14 In fact; 16 Enlist; 18 Eros; 20 Inaction; 22 Desired effect. Down: 1 Pentagon; 2 Albeit; 3 Owed; 4 Deadline; 5 Plasma; 6 Knee; 11 Attained; 13 Ensonce; 15 Assail; 17 Let off; 19 Reel; 21 Abel.

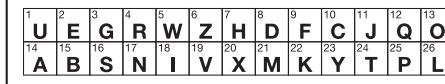
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HOT GOSSIP

Intrigue, scandal
and double-dealings
at the White House
by the sea

PAGES 34&35



CHURCHILL'S SAFE HOUSE

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HOT HOUSE



THIS HARLOW HOME WAS CHURCHILL'S SAFE HOUSE

This £1m delightful five bedroom property in Sheering comes with two independent flats

A£1million five bedroom property that comes with two flats has gone on the market in Bishop's Stortford.

Wright & Co are pleased to offer this fine country house located in the popular village of Sheering that was once occupied by the renowned British novelist Elinor Glyn.

It was also utilised by Sir Winston Churchill for the storage of important papers.

The property offers spacious accommodation with five double bedrooms as well as independently accessed one

bedroom and two bedroom flat.

The main house includes a spacious reception with a rustic red brick fireplace and a door that gives access to a conservatory.

A stone fireplace with a raised slab hearth and log burning cast iron stove can also be found in the sitting room, with double doors that also lead to the conservatory.

The dining room also comes with a rustic red brick fireplace with a heavy timber bressumer.

The simple farmhouse style pine kitchen comes with an original large safe that is rumoured to have been used by Winston Churchill for

storage of important papers.

The master bedroom has a spacious modern white en-suite bathroom comprising a shower bath with over bath shower unit and quality screening.

A ground floor flat comes with two bedrooms, a sitting room, kitchen and a bath/shower room.

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YOUR HOME

How to bring your Victorian home into the 21st century

Bring your Victorian home up to date while still celebrating its original details with these stylish ideas, says **JO SIMMONS**

Many of us live in Victorian homes. From handsome town houses to humble terraces, properties from this period were typically solidly built and simply configured. Inside, they were full of interesting features, including sash windows, ceiling roses, cast-iron fireplaces, cornicing and tall skirting boards.

These days, we consider these original features as integral a part of the interior as the kitchen sink, but it wasn't always the case. Cheap modernising swept through Britain after the Second World War and only really calmed



down in the 1980s. During that time, many fireplaces, panelled doors and cornices were ripped out and replaced with plywood, melamine and lurid wallcoverings in a bid to bring Victorian homes up to date.

Today, though, a more considered approach is the norm. We want to preserve or reinstate original features to bring character to our home without compromising on contemporary style and functionality.

Often this means marrying hallways, living rooms and bedrooms bursting with authentic character

with a highly efficient kitchen and bathroom.

But there are other ways of celebrating your Victorian home's ancestry without living in a museum piece. Here's how...

SAY YES TO SASH WINDOWS

Victorian homes were typically fitted with simple sash windows. If you have original ones, repairing and waterproofing them can help them live a long and beautiful life.

Also consider upgrading sashes with double glazing – numerous companies can fit double-glazed units into existing frames.

Alternatively, there are companies that can manufacture authentic-looking replacements.

PRESERVE ORIGINAL FLOORBOARDS

We are still as obsessed with original boards as we were a few decades ago, when it became fashionable to rip up carpet and show off the wood beneath.

Even battered and worn boards can be repaired and patched, so seek renovation advice before giving up on your Victorian originals.

USE BOLD COLOUR

Today's moody dark hues work brilliantly with Victorian features and are in keeping with that period's love of dark shades.

In the picture on the right, a cloudy grey looks striking alongside an original fireplace.

Avoid cluttering the mantelpiece with objects, which will tax the eye, especially if there are decorative tiles on the fire surround.

A striking, contemporary artwork hung above, on the other hand, strikes just the right note of edgy modernity.



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ADD A SLEEK EXTENSION

No house, however beautiful, should stay static, so don't be afraid to add striking contemporary style to your Victorian home.

Thousands of properties from this period have been extended, with a super-sleek kitchen-diner added to a period frontage – and it works!

Much of family life can take place in the large, contemporary extension, while smaller rooms in the original Victorian side of the house offer more intimate space.

EXPOSE BRICK WALLS

You can reference the industrial buildings and lofts of the period in any Victorian home by exposing the brickwork. Just one wall, or even a section of it, with visible bricks brings a raw, rustic quality to any space.

AVOID CONTEMPORARY CLICHÉS

Certain ingredients crop up time and again in contemporary conversions and extensions. Bifold doors, for example, are much loved for their ability to blend inside and



A modern print above a period fireplace is a great way to juxtapose the contemporary and traditional (Pic: Brian O'Tuama Architects)

CREATE CONTRAST WITH CORNICING

Ornate plasterwork cornicing was beloved by the Victorians, but you can reinvent it today, while also making it stand out, by painting a bold shade around it. This is a neat way of both celebrating and modernising an original feature. (Pic: Chantel Elshout Design Consultancy)





Far Left:
Sash windows
can be reglazed
to provide
warmth and
period accurate
elegance
(pic: Stephen
Fletcher
Architects)

Centre:
It's relatively
easy to find
modern takes
on Victorian
radiators
(Pic: Colin Cadle
Photography)

Left:
It's worth taking
the time to
uncover and
restore wood
floors to their
original state
(Pic: Colin Cadle
Photography)

Below:
Adding new
handles to an
upcycled chest of
drawers adds a
tasteful finishing
touch (Pic: MDSX
Contractors Ltd)

out. But if you wish to bring your Victorian home up to date in a more subtle way, steer clear of these choices and source more timeless options that will bridge the gap between the decade in which your home was built and today.

In a kitchen, for example, fitting a door and windows rather than the typical wall of folding doors could prevent the space from looking too 'now'.

INVEST IN NEW CLASSICS
These days, modernising a Victorian home is more about

“No house, no matter how beautiful, should stay static, don't be afraid of contemporary style touches

making it function well while still preserving its character. We are less interested in creating a stark, modern look in a period property. So look out for fittings

that reference the period, but offer contemporary efficiency.

It can be expensive and time consuming to source original, reconditioned pieces from the Victorian period, but newly made versions of traditional designs are widely available.

You can find everything you might need from radiators to tiles that are dead ringers for the real thing while offering the benefits of being newly manufactured.

UPCYCLE PERIOD PIECES

Source some inexpensive

Victorian pine furniture – chests of drawers, cabinets and blanket boxes are easy to find in flea markets and on eBay – and bring them up to date by stripping them back or painting them a bright shade.

Add new knobs or handles, too, for a fresh look. These upcycled pieces will feel at home in your Victorian property without looking stuffy.

■ **Jo Simmons** is a Houzz contributor. Visit Houzz.co.uk for more design inspiration and advice.



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PROPERTY TALK



NOW THIS IS A SIMPLY A-MAZE-ING PROPERTY

There are many unusual jobs to be had including eel ecologist, a marker of the Queen's swan, pet psychologist or even a crisp inspector.

But Adrian Fisher beats all these. He is the world's most successful maze designer, and he takes his work home with him.

Portman Lodge, a Regency-style house in landscaped grounds built during the 1830s, has been Adrian's home for 15 years.

He says he was drawn to the property because it came with seven acres of garden which,

for a man in his trade, was room enough to build his own maze.

You might think he'd had enough of building bushy conundrums; he's created 700 in 70 countries to date.

His own is made from 900 yew hedges planted 13 years ago. They took just two hours to plant with the help of local horticultural students, he says, but a lot longer to grow.

The maze has a raised brick folly at its centre, from which successful navigators can gaze over the hedges, while less successful ones can be guided in.

"People love the maze, it's a fun thing to get lost in for a few minutes and play around in," says Adrian.

"The beauty of the folly is that it is a building which has no sense or practical purpose; it is totally foolish."

The house, which is in Dorset, has seven bedrooms and is for sale through agent Savills Wimborne (01202 856873) for £1.65m.

The folly



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President's residence

The US is led by a president encircled by accusations of secret meetings and behind-the-scenes skulduggery.

No, not Donald Trump but Richard Nixon, who was US President for four and a half years from January 1969, resigning in August 1974 following the Watergate scandal – during which members of his administration were proven to have engaged in clandestine and illegal activities with his blessing.

This included breaking into the Democrats' HQ at the Watergate hotel in Washington.

Unlike Trump, Nixon grew up poor and even during his time as President led a modest lifestyle, although his taste in homes did move upmarket.

His properties included a luxurious house in Miami as well as a townhouse in New York and his favourite, La Casa Pacifica in San Clemente, California.

Referred to as Nixon's 'Western White House' – as Trump's Mar a Lago resort is often seen as his alternative HQ today – La Casa Pacifica was built in 1926 for



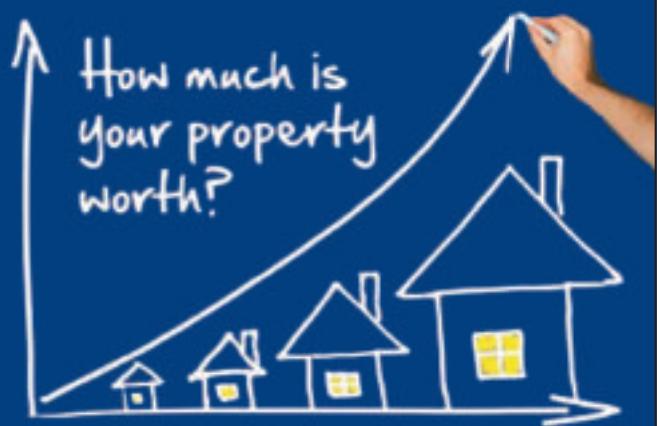
magnate Hamilton Cotton and where he entertained another US president, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Nixon bought the

property in 1968 and used it to entertain both politicians and Hollywood stars.

During his presidency it was his summer residence,

and after his resignation it became his main home until it was sold in 1980.

The 9,000 sq ft house,



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The exterior and interior of the home



La Casa Pacifica in San Clemente, California

which has four bedrooms and seven bathrooms, multiple guest outhouses and guestrooms, staff accommodation and its

own beach as well as formal gardens, is for sale at \$63.5m.

More info from TopTenRealEstateDeals.com

Playing the ancient sorcerer Gandalf in Peter Jackson's Lord of the Rings and Hobbit trilogies made Sir Ian McKellen one of the world's most recognised actors. But there is much more to the 78-year-old's career than orcs, dwarves and dragons.

He has six Olivier awards, a Tony, a Golden Globe, as well as nominations for two Oscars, four BAFTAs and five Emmys.

His gongs have been earned thanks to an illustrious career including roles on stage, but it's his film roles that have made him a household name - including Magneto in the

The life of Donald Maclean reads like a spy thriller. The Cambridge-educated civil servant rose to senior posts within the diplomatic service in Washington and Paris before being uncovered as a Russian spy.

He was also the 'Third Man' of the 'Cambridge Five' spy ring which included Kim Philby, Guy Burgess and Anthony Blunt.

Their spying for the Russians created sensational headlines in the 1950s, 60s and 70s as details of their activities emerged.

Maclean and Burgess sparked an international man hunt in 1951 when they disappeared, reappearing five years

A HOME WHERE HOLMES ONCE LIVED

The house in Burnley

X-Men movies, Sir Leigh Teabing in The Da Vinci Code and Sherlock Holmes in Mr Holmes.

His origins are more humble, however. Sir Ian was born in Burnley, Lancashire, in a large sandstone house

on May 25, 1939. After the Second World War broke out the family moved to Wigan six months later.

The Burnley property is now for sale. It's an end-of-terrace house with five large bedrooms

near to a park, a view of which can be enjoyed from its upper floors.

Sir Ian will be pleased to hear that the house has been given a significant overhaul recently including a new roof. It's for sale with agent Petty (01282 415111) for £189,950.



Sir Ian McKellen



THE THIRD MAN'S FOUR BEDROOMS

later at a press conference in Moscow.

They had defected, as many had suspected.

Philby also later defected while Blunt confessed all, in return for immunity. Maclean left the UK to defect on his 38th birthday, leaving behind his family and semi-detached house in Tatsfield, Surrey.

The house - 2 Beacon Shaw - which had been home to a member of the Canadian Airforce during the war - is now for sale.

It has four bedrooms, four bathrooms, three reception rooms, a large garden and outbuildings. It is for sale through Humberts Sevenoaks (01732 741212) for £895,000.

IT'S MUSIC TO A WRITER'S EARS

Alex Garland is best known for his 1996 book The Beach.

Its depictions of a young backpacker's hedonistic, drug-fuelled experiences on a lonely beach in Thailand were at the time a revelation, but getting wasted on a Phuket beach has now become a standard part of many gap year itineraries.

Based largely on Garland's own experiences, the book went on to be translated into 25 languages.

The film adaptation, which starred Leonardo DiCaprio, was directed by Danny Boyle.

The pair formed a successful partnership, with Garland writing the screenplay for Boyle's 2002 film 28 Days Later and 2007's Sunshine, both starring Cillian Murphy.

Writer Alex Garland's former home



Other projects have included writing the script for Dredd, the film about 2000 AD comics' character Judge Dredd, and 2015's Ex Machina, which Garland wrote and directed.

He is currently working on a sci-fi film called Annihilation, due out next year and starring Natalie Portman.

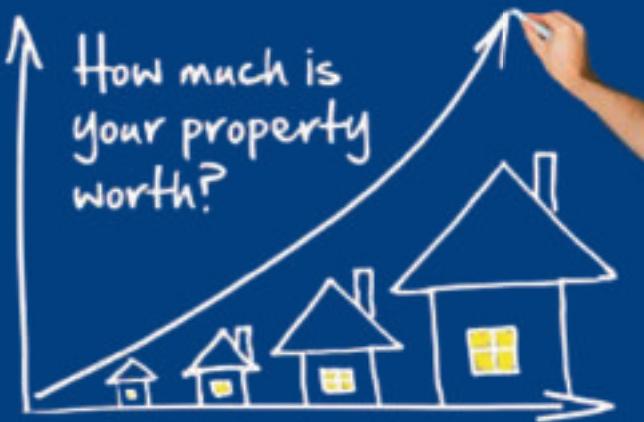
Before Hollywood beckoned, Garland resided in a former piano factory in Primrose Hill, London near Regent's Park. He lived in the five-bedroom corner portion of the old factory, which is an open-plan home with a workspace and roof terrace.

It was offered to rent at £21,450 a month but after failing to find tenants with deep pockets, was taken off the market and is now being offered by its owners through informal channels.

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YOUR GARDEN

With Diarmuid Gavin

Tried and acid tested

The dormant season is a good time for planning and deciding which plants you'd like to grow next year. And one important factor when choosing new plants, including vegetables and fruit trees, is to know the pH of your soil.

It's an area of gardening that many find confusing as it implies you need to know more about chemistry than plants, but it's worth understanding the basics so you can make informed decisions and grow plants which will be happy.

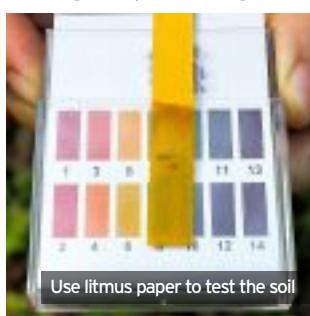
Some of our favourite edge-of-woodland planting, such as rhododendrons, magnolias and camellias, will only flourish in acidic conditions, so let's have a look at what that means and how to find out if your soil is suitable.

The term pH is a measure of acidity and alkaline on a scale of 1 to 14. The mid-point, 7, is neutral. Anything below that number is acidic and above it alkaline. Most garden plants do best in a slightly acidic soil, which is between 6 and 7. To grow rhododendrons and camellias, however, you want a level of 5 to 6.

If you're not sure what your soil pH is, there are a number of ways to find out.

If you have hydrangeas, the flowers will be blue on acid soil but pink on neutral to alkaline soil.

You can test with litmus paper, which you can buy cheaply in art and craft shops. Mix your soil sample with



Use litmus paper to test the soil

Knowing the pH of your soil is vital when you are planning which plants to grow next year



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Kalmia Latifolia

some distilled water and dip the litmus paper in for a few seconds.

The paper will turn red for acidic and blue for alkaline. This will just give you an approximate idea. To get a more accurate reading, use a soil testing kit available from garden centres. You can also use a pH meter which is like a probe you stick in the soil.

Finally, the Rolls-Royce method is the soil testing service available from the Royal Horticultural Society. This costs £30 and they will analyse samples of your soil - not only for acidity but for texture and major nutrient levels.

So if you find you have acid soil, then there are some really choice specimens to choose from. If your soil is alkaline you can still grow them in pots using an ericaceous compost, which is acid.

Ericaceous plants tend to be shallow rooting and can easily dry out, so a good mulching every year will help with water retention.

Leaf mould is ideal as this will help keep soil acid. Use ericaceous feed - liquid or slow release - and top up with sequestrene of iron to condition the soil.

If you try growing these plants in ordinary soil, you will notice the leaves going yellow - this is due to iron in the soil being unavailable to plant roots in alkaline conditions.

In years gone by, passionate gardeners would create peat beds so they would be able to grow these lovelies. However, using a lot of peat isn't brilliant for the environment - something many gardeners hardly considered 20 years ago.

In the end, it's best to know what soil type you have and then to garden in harmony with it.

Here are some of my favourite acid-loving plants, also known as lime-haters...

1. *Kalmia latifolia*, the mountain laurel, is a superb evergreen shrub which is smothered in delightfully pretty pink flowers in late spring. 'Minuet' is a dwarf version, the flowers of which are white with a deep red band.

2. *Crinodendron hookerianum* is a most beautiful sight in bloom - the entire tree appears covered in small deep pink lanterns. Known as the Chilean lantern tree, this evergreen will appreciate a sheltered position in



2

Crinodendron hookerianum



3

Kirengeshoma palmata

colder areas, protected from frost.

3. *Kirengeshoma palmata* is an unusual woodland perennial with sycamore-type leaves and wonderful waxy yellow flowers in late summer, making this a valuable plant for more shady areas.

4. *Andromeda polifolia*, also known as bog rosemary due to its linear rosemary-like leaves, is a small evergreen shrub with bell-shaped white and pink flowers in late spring.

5. *Vaccinium*, aka the blueberry, needs acid soil to perform. I'd also

recommend planting a few bushes, which helps with pollination and therefore better fruiting.

6. *Magnolia 'Heaven Scent'* is a good choice for the smaller garden and won't disappoint with its glorious pink-scented, goblet-shaped blooms.

7. *Rhododendron 'Dreamland'* - there are so many varieties to choose from but this is a winning one - gives loads of trusses of pale pink, funnel-shaped flowers with a deeper pink edge in late spring - gorgeous! It's very compact, so suitable for pots.

■ Continue planting bulbs, and in particular tulips can now go into the ground.

■ Have you lifted your dahlias, cannas, begonias and gladioli? These need to be stored indoors for winter.

■ Prune shrub roses now to avoid damage to the roots caused by high winds rocking the plant back and forth. Ideally you want to reduce the overall size of a bush rose to less than a foot high. Any branches that look spindly, diseased or have died back can be removed entirely. Similarly, if there are new

JOBS FOR THE WEEK

rid of fungal spores that overwinter.

shoots at the base, you can remove some of the old ones completely. The rest can be cut back quite hard, ideally just above an outward-facing bud. This will encourage fresh growth.

■ Sow batches of hardy broad beans and peas outdoors for early crops next year.

■ Remove suckers from the base of plants.

■ Pick off rotting fruit from trees and dispose of it to get

■ Bonfire Night is a great time to get rid of material which is unsuitable for composting. So collect diseased leaves from fruit trees and roses, and chuck them on the fire when November 5 arrives.

■ Rake up fallen leaves and compost in bin bags with a few holes pierced - this makes excellent compost for your ericaceous plants.

■ Treat your lawn to a dose of autumn lawn fertiliser to help it survive the winter.



Burn diseased leaves from fruit trees and roses on Bonfire Night



4

Andromeda polifolia



5

Vaccinium



6

Magnolia



7

Rhododendron

ASK DIARMUID

QI've got a problem with toadstools in my garden. They're now growing along my lane and this year there are a lot more than usual. How can I get rid of them? Some are orange, some cream and some are very dark - nearly black.

Helen Magherafelt

AToadstools are the fruit of fungi living below the ground. Generally they are a healthy and natural part of a garden's ecosystem. There's no fungicide available to kill them off so your best bet is to don a pair of gloves and chuck them all in a bin bag. They will return, but probably not for another year.



PLANT OF THE WEEK

EUONYMUS HAMILTONIANUS - PINK DELIGHT

One of my favourite plants at this time of the year is the spindle tree, Euonymus. It gains its common name because in times gone by the wood was used to make wool-spinning spindles.

Its vibrant autumnal foliage is second to none and it produces wonderful pink fruits which

usually split open to reveal orange inside.

With this variety, they open to reveal dark pink seeds, creating a delightful profusion of colour on bare stems, the perfect tonic for a grey November day.

Grow in a sheltered spot in moist but well drained soil. They are happy in acidic soil too.



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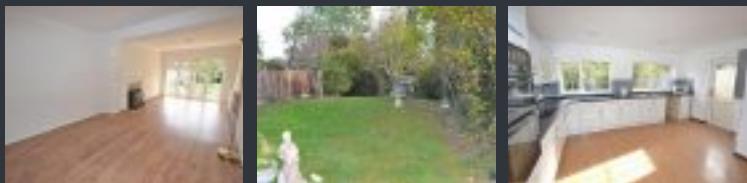
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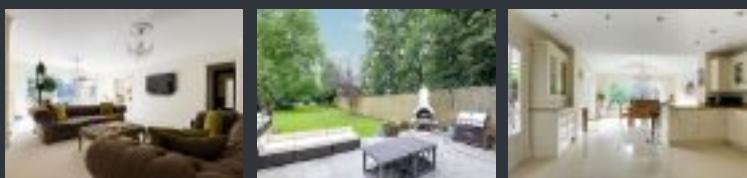
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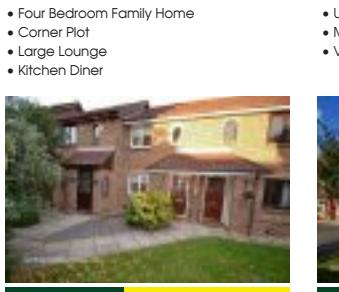
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- Modern Interior
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- Detached House
- Three Bathrooms
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- Garage & Parking
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LATTON COMMON, HARLOW**

- Five Bedrooms
- Three Receptions
- Private Location
- Gated Entrance
- Detached
- EPC Rating: C

GARDENING

SIX WAYS TO SET THE SOUL ALIGHT THIS NOVEMBER!

November brings its own share of challenges to the garden-lover. So, you might have to arouse your passion in order to overcome dreary surroundings. Drizzle, mist, frost and dark hours at both ends of the day contrive to banish garden activity to memory – apart from weekends and non-working days of course.

But when the weather is silvery it gives a great excuse to read about plants and gardens from the comfort of home. Nothing can stop a gardening soul from planning new additions and ideas for their own patch. What better reason to sit by the fireside within a comfy chair?

Warmth is essential, so if you are lucky enough to have an open fire, a woodburning stove; a cooking stove or central heating; throw another (possibly) metaphorical log on the



fire and settle down for a piece of 'you' time to indulge your gardening passion.

Next, you might want to gaze at your garden through the gloom to see if anything is setting it alight. Are

there splashes of sunshine glowing like embers in the November dusk? There are several plants that can appear to cast a welcoming glow, and perhaps none are better than Mahonia which is just approaching its peak season of loveliness.

The yellow spikes of Mahonia flowers are like rays of sunshine, beaming joy into dark corners and shady spots. What's more, Mahonia is a wonderful plant for bees and insects which are trying to brave the outdoor elements at this time of year. The delightful scent of this evergreen shrub is reminiscent of lily-of-the-valley so don't plant it too far from the house so that you can enjoy the heady aroma on days when the air is wafting your way.

Then there's scent, which reaches part of the soul that arouses plant passion! Viburnum x bodnantense 'Dawn' is now producing sugar-pink flowers with the most remarkable smell. It's definitely worth having a winter for!

And the spidery delights of witch hazel (Hamamelis) which appear on bare stems like the strangest alien creatures of your dreams also have the most remarkable perfume. You don't even need to look in order to know if you have that most desirable creature of all: Daphne bholua 'Jacqueline Postill', she spreads her enticing aroma across many metres of garden and is perhaps, the finest delight of the season.

Another November delight not to be ignored is the opportunity to step outside and make the most of crispy leaves underfoot. This can be regarded as one of the most beautiful times of the year. The golden leaves are like cornflakes and low sunlight makes a wonderful spectacle as it shines through shrubs and trees. Get the kids outside and they will love what autumn has brought.

Don't miss the opportunity to plant bulbs – and lots of them! This is a great time to snap up some bargains as garden outlets sell off their unsold

bulb stock. They will still grow and flower, provided they have been kept dry and cool. It's the perfect time to plant tulips, which are some of the last to be plunged under the soil reader for a glorious spring display. Perhaps you can dream up a few unique colour combinations which will make your creation stand out from the crowd.

Finally, no November is complete without a few fireworks and this is a great reason to enjoy the outdoors. Step out to partake in some sort of fireworks fest, then enjoy traditional fireworks food including jacket potatoes, soup and mulled wine or spiced cider. The perfect accompaniment to the silvery season!

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SOLD

MORE REQUIRED!

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MUST BE SEEN!

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- Three Bedroom End Of Terrace House
- En-suite To Master Bedroom
- Garage
- Driveway For One Vehicle
- Downstairs WC
- E.P.C Rating: D

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CHAIN FREE

Albert Gardens

- Three Bedroom Detached House
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- CHAIN FREE
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- Garage To The Front
- Driveway For One Vehicle
- Fitted Kitchen To Front Aspect
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- EPC Rating D



Long Banks
£290,000

- Three Bedroom House
- End of Terrace
- Fitted Kitchen
- Chain Free
- Perfect Home Or Investment
- Awaiting EPC



4 Pegrams Court
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- Chain Free
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- Perfect Home Or Investment
- EPC Rating C



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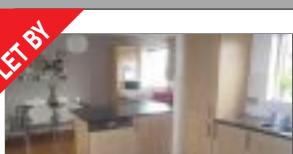
- House Share
- ALL BILLS INCLUDED
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- Additional Fees - see in branch



**Gladwin
Way**

£850

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- Minutes from Harlow Train Station
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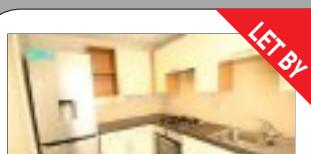
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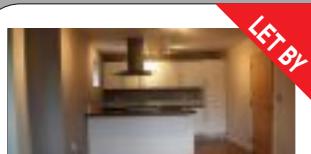
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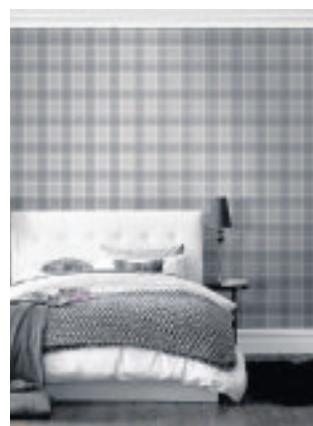
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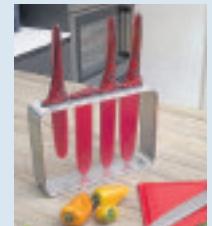
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- Conservatory
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- Town House
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- Two Receptions
- Chain Free
- Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- Potential To Extend (STPP)
- EPC Rating: TBC

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- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
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- Terrace House
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- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- EPC Rating: C

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- Lounge/diner
- Cloakroom/WC
- Modern Kitchen
- End Of Terrace
- Garage To Rear
- Allocated Parking
- EPC Rating: D

£317,500



TAYLIFERS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Cloakroom/WC
- Chain Free
- End Of Terrace
- Outskirts Of Town
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D

£279,995



THE DOWNS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Utility Room
- Chain Free
- Terraced Home
- Close To Town Centre
- Modern Kitchen
- EPC Rating: TBC

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- Two Receptions
- Ground Floor W.C.
- CHAIN FREE
- Terraced House
- Popular Location
- Long Garden
- EPC Rating: C

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WILLOWFIELD, HARLOW

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- Lounge/Diner
- Large Garden
- Ground Floor Wet Room
- Middle Terrace
- Newly Fitted Bathroom
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

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- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Chain Free
- End Terrace
- Westerly Garden
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D

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- Lounge/Diner
- Communal Gardens
- EPC Rating: TBC

£229,995



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- Two Bedrooms
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- Popular Location
- Balcony
- Large Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Chain Free
- EPC Rating: C

£184,995



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- Close To Town
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- Split Level
- Ideal First Purchase/Investment
- EPC Rating: D

£180,000



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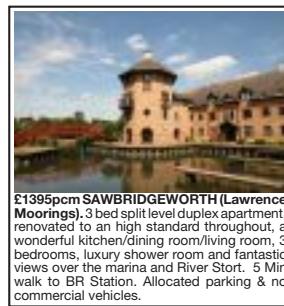
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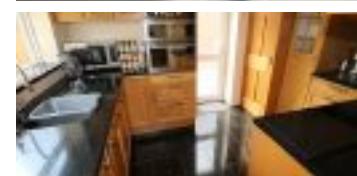


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HOME STYLE

With Chris Read

Are we about to see a return to the formality of a separate room for mealtime?

Fashion is a funny thing – what goes around comes around and I've heard murmurings on the grapevine of the return of the dining room as people find the disadvantages of open plan start to outweigh the advantages.

I used to be a confirmed closed plan addict. I didn't want to eat amongst the preparation mess, and if we had visitors this became even more of an issue, and I wanted to be able to hide the fact that I may not have filled the dishwasher for a day or two.

Now, there's an admission. And in print too! I also have very very thick walls and the idea of knocking them down raised my blood pressure somewhat. But finally the need to expand my tiny kitchen drove me to find a solution and I moved the kitchen into the dining room. This gave me a 'back kitchen' – what would have been termed a scullery. This performs the 'hiding' function nicely and I can have relaxed suppers in the kitchen.

Lots of lighting options on a number of circuits helps to zone and highlight different areas. The cherry on the cake was putting a gate leg table in another room, allowing me to have a formal dining space as well on the odd occasion.

The history of the dining room is a good exemplar for the way our lives have changed – in more formal Victorian times, sitting down in a separate room allowed a sense of occasion and underlined that you were middle or upper class.

As our lives have become more casual and relaxed, this need dwindled. It was reinforced by the increasing importance of the kitchen: we mostly now do our own cooking and it became a badge of honour, something almost glamorous, certainly something with bragging rights. So the dining room gradually became this century's front parlour – slightly outmoded, marking you out as formal and rather stiff.

The downsides of the mess and the noise of many functions carried on in one space were tolerated as the price you needed to pay.

Open plan has been fashionable now for a couple of decades and it is possible that we're due for a switch back. What do you think? I'm torn, but I think it's unlikely to go back to a fully separate space, certainly in new builds were the square footage seems

FINE DINING

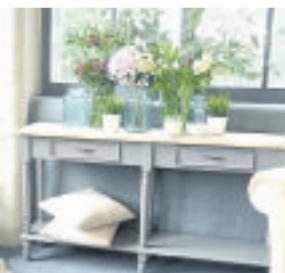


This table, chair and bench combo from Modish Living is a great space saver

to diminish almost as you look at it. Whatever your space, eating is such an important part of life that making sure you have an area for it is high priority in my view. I want to be able to sit down comfortably and enjoy a meal, even if I'm on my own. And of course, the social side of eating and the notion of hospitality is deeply ingrained in most cultures.

If you do have a small space there are a number of strategies to help,

If you don't have room for a sideboard, this Chateau Grey console from Element One House has a rustic feel to it. With two drawers and a low shelf, it's ideal for hiding clutter while displaying feature lamps, vases or picture frames



Leaning towards whimsy? The pig napkin from Lush Lampshades is for you



Beautifully rustic linen napkin from Finch & Crane



The butler's tray has always been a useful multi-functional item. Hampton tray with a sandstone top from Garden Trading

it. Much better is a multifunctional table, one you can work and eat at.

Although glass topped tables are visually less intrusive, I'd avoid them, as there is nothing more disconcerting than watching one's knees while eating soup. Bench seating is a good way of saving space, so that for smaller groups the table can sit against a wall with the bench tucked underneath. There is always the downside for the person sitting in the middle, but synchronised sitting down can at least break the ice.

A word of caution on over-table pendant lighting. Nearly every interiors shot you see of a dining table has an eye catching pendant or series of pendants over the table. It can be a lovely way of making the table the focal point, especially if the light is directed downwards, but it is restrictive.

If you move the table at all, it can look almost unnervingly off kilter, so be certain your table is in the right place and doesn't need to be moved before you take this route.

Finally, a word on setting the table. I love mismatched crockery, it adds to the relaxed feel and means it doesn't matter if you break one. It helps if you can find a bit of a theme – all white, perhaps, or all handmade, but isn't really necessary.

On the other hand, even the discount stores are now offering some really stylish sets at fabulous prices, so I'm a tad tempted. Whatever the route, spending a bit of time making the table look good is never wasted.

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YOUR HOME

With Bake Off finalist and builder Richard Burr

Babies and toddlers love a good climb. Our toddler is at that age where she's into everything. After three kids, we thought we had the hang of baby-proofing, but our youngest daughter is a champion climber. The wardrobe in her bedroom appears to have become an inviting 'staircase', so here are my top tips for securing furniture to keep your little ones safe.

1 USE L-BRACKETS FOR FIXING WARDROBES OR CHESTS OF DRAWERS TO WALLS
Often, furniture will come with brackets included but if not, you can get an L-shaped corner bracket from any ironmongery or DIY store. Try B&Q's silver zinc-effect mild steel corner brace brackets (£7.74 for a pack of 20).

They may also be referred to by a few different terms, such as L-bracket, corner bracket or corner brace. Some will come with screws included, otherwise ask for help where you're buying it to make sure you get the right sized screws to go with your bracket.

2 GET THE RIGHT TOOLS FOR THE JOB

For this project, you're going to need an electric drill with a 5.5mm masonry drill bit and a Phillips screw head, screws, a Phillips screwdriver, a pencil (behind the ear is optional), a step-ladder, a spirit level and Rawlplugs (the red ones) if it's going to be attached to a brick wall.

First, you need to establish whether the wall you're fixing it to is a brick wall - usually one of the outside or party walls of your home, or if it's a stud wall - an internal wall that sounds hollow when you knock on it.

Next, you'll need a drill. I use a DeWalt cordless drill for a lot of my work and my version will set you back a few quid, but their DIY models are also great. For under £100 you can pick up a fantastic DeWalt cordless drill for all your household needs.

3 MAKE SURE WARDROBES ARE LEVEL BEFORE FIXING

Make your home safe for kids



L-Shaped brackets are perfect for securing a wardrobe

TO A BRICK WALL

For added security, I like to use two brackets, even if it's a small wardrobe - one at each end. Push your wardrobe into position, as far back against your skirting boards as it will go.

If the wardrobe still tilts forward, for example because a carpet gripper-rod at the edge of the room makes the back legs a little higher, then prop up the front legs of your wardrobe with a small bit of plywood under each leg, cut to size, or even some folded cardboard.

Use your spirit level to check the top of the wardrobe is level. Climb up your step-ladder to the top of the wardrobe and you'll see the back of the wardrobe should be the depth of the skirting board away from the wall.

Put your bracket in position and use your pencil to draw the shape of the hole onto the wall.

When you move the bracket away, draw a cross through the circle, so that you can still see where the centre is while you drill the hole. Set your drill to high-speed hammer setting. As you drill, hold the end of a vacuum nozzle as close to the hole as possible. You may need another pair of hands to do this job, but it's very useful to vacuum-away the dust as you work.

You don't need to drill into the wall to the full depth of your drill-bit, only as deep as the Rawlplug, plus around 5mm extra. You can mark this on your drill-bit by wrapping a bit of tape around it so you know when to stop.

When you've drilled your holes, insert your Rawlplugs, put your bracket in place and then with your screwdriver, secure the brackets to the wall by hand with your screws. Once this is

attached to the wall, you can screw down into the top of your wardrobe using your cordless drill or screwdriver setting, or you can do this by hand.

4 FOR A STUD WALL, FIND THE WOODEN STUDS FOR A STRONGER FIX

In most modern homes, a stud wall is plasterboard fixed to a wooden frame and then plastered over. If you were to follow the instructions above and drill into plasterboard, this wouldn't give you a strong enough fixing.

Instead, you need to find where the wooden studs are in the wall and screw your brackets into these. To do this (and you'll feel like a proper builder), tap along the wall with your knuckles and listen out for when the hollow sound changes to a hard sound - that will be where the wooden studs are. If you're not confident in your sound-detection abilities, see if you can borrow a stud detector (great name) - or you can buy one from Amazon for less than £15.

With a stud wall, you'll need to put the brackets where they can be screwed into the wooden studs, so it won't necessarily be at either end of the wardrobe. For this reason, as well as wall screws, you'll also need short 16mm screws (so they don't poke through inside the top of the wardrobe).

Follow the steps above, but instead of drilling into the wall and using a Rawlplug, use your drill to screw directly into the wooden studs and then into the wardrobe.

5 TODDLER-PROOF WARDROBE DOORS AND DRAWERS WHILE YOU'RE AT IT

While you're toddler-proofing, you might also want to think about adding some safety catches to your drawers or wardrobe doors, to stop your little one trapping their fingers.

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WHEELS

Ssangyong Rexton Ultimate Automatic review by **David Ward**

South Korean car maker Ssangyong is now well-known here for its rugged and uncompromising no-frills Rexton 4x4 which always appealed to genuine off-road drivers because it was simply 'cheaper and cheerful' when compared to the more expensive UK made Land Rover models.

But that's about to all change when the fourth generation Rexton arrives on these shores because Ssangyong are clearly trying to move it up-market with a far more sophisticated and vastly better and modern equipped 4x4, loaded up with standard features, yet still competitive prices.

With prices starting at £27,500 through to £37,500 bosses at Ssangyong are confident it can now break into the more premium 4x4 sector and although it's only talking about UK sales of hundreds for the first year they believe with the up-market standard package on offer they will attract new buyers.

Steve Gray, UK marketing boss, explains: "This latest Rexton demonstrates our current progress of being specialists in making quality and value-for-money 4x4s and SUVs."

"Ssangyong has had over 60 years of making 4x4s so they know what they are on about," he continued.

"We're now moving our game forward and upmarket because this latest Rexton is now a prestige model and early next year we will be bringing in a posher pick-up model to compete in that niche sector."

"It's a long term development and will probably take us up to five years to become established in the same breath as the likes of Land Rover," he added.

IMPROVEMENT

This new Rexton is certainly a vast improvement of any of its predecessors because it's better equipped with more quality equipment and all mod technology cons on board and when weighing up all these aspects against its rivals it's simply good value for the money.

There are just three trim levels – EX and ELX (both offered as seven-seaters) and top of the range Ultimate – while all share the same 2.2-litre 179bhp turbo diesel engine with either a six-speed manual gearbox or a seven-speed automatic gearbox.

The old Rexton effectively had the 'chuck out' diesel engine from Mercedes-Benz which was in fairness noisy, clattered a bit when starting up and lack performance and had little refinement.

This new power train is totally different because it's much smoother, responsive and certainly more capable with 3.5 tonnes towing capacity and with 420Nm of torque.

Out on normal roads it's a steady performer without being sporty orientated which many drivers don't want and has more than useful features like auto emergency braking, lane departure warning, traffic sign recognition, blind spot detection and rear cross traffic alert.

It really comes into its own off-road where standard features like hill descent control and hill start assist help to go up and down steep, muddy hill tracks with ease and where here the automatic box is preferable.

For the driver taking on off-road chores there's the old style 4WD hand selectable button down between the front seats with the expected choice of high range or low range and testing it over some quite



AT A GLANCE

- **Model:** Ssangyong Rexton Ultimate Auto
- **Price:** £37,500
- **Engine:** 2.2-litre 179bhp turbocharged diesel
- **Transmission:** Seven-speed automatic gearbox
- **Performance:** 0 to 62mph 11.9 seconds, top speed 115mph
- **Fuel consumption:** 34.8mpg
- **CO2:** 218 g/km
- **Insurance Group:** 35D
- **BIK:** 37%
- **Warranty:** Five years/unlimited mileage
- **On Sale:** Now

UPMARKET MOVE

transverse terrain it proved most efficient.

Suspension is decent enough too with the car sitting on a simple separate steel chassis with independent suspension at both ends with steel springs and overall it gives a far more pliant ride.

Depending on which model there's a choice too of either 17-inch, 18-inch or 20-inch alloy wheels but all models come with nine airbags, 9.2-inch nav touch screen, 3D 'around view' monitor plus several high tech features like AppleCarPlay and Google Android Auto and more.

Overall it's an excellent 4x4 package whichever trim version is chosen whilst the cabin is far more prestigious than ever before with far more comfortable seats and

the interior trim having some wood effect edgings with quilt leather, smart analogue dials plus the usual decent standard of switch gear.

The old Rexton was very much a basement bargain when it came to the interior but Ssangyong have also clearly moved their game upmarket with a posh cabin to compete on equal terms with some of their more illustrious (and expensive) rivals.

Whether 4x4 punters take this time will only tell because paying this kind of money for a Ssangyong would have been unheard of only a few years ago.

In terms of boot space again this new model excels with the five-seater version having 820 litres increasing to 1,977 litres

with those rear seats folded while the seven-seater (expected to be the best seller here) has a basic of 649 litres rising to 1,806 litres with the rear seats folded flat.

As a personal matter of choice the best version to go for is the top trim Ultimate (starts at £37,500) with that impressive seven-speed automatic gearbox which has a really good, smooth and responsive gear change.

For those with a lower budget to buy should look at the ELX starting at £32,000 for the manual version which has as standard seven seats, sits on 18-inch alloy wheels, rear air conditioning, smart audio system with eight-inch screen, cruise control and all the standard safety kit on board.

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The magic carpet ride for which Citroen became famous is making a comeback in a new-look version of the French car maker's C4 Cactus.

Comfort is the name of the game and the new Cactus not only comes with a revolutionary suspension system but also features a high tech seat design.

Together they are intended to set a new standard in the crossover market when the revised Cactus arrives next year.

The new model has a more rounded design and significantly no longer has the large Airbump 'bubble wrap' protectors attached to the side of the car.

Instead they are replaced by smaller panels at the bottom of the doors in similar vein to that on Citroen's smaller C3 hatchback.

The new Cactus had its world premiere in Paris on Thursday where Citroen also revealed it was stopping production of the current C4

hatch to concentrate on the booming SUV market.

Other changes to the Cactus range include the introduction of a more powerful 130bhp PureTech petrol engine and extra technology such as blind spot monitors, driver fatigue sensors and traffic sign recognition.

The improvements are part of a mid-life makeover for the Cactus which has established itself as the popular mini-sized car with quirky looks.

The newcomer is slated to be on sale in the spring of 2018 and starting prices are likely to be below £17,000 with the range still topping out around the £20,000 mark. The current car is priced from £16,395.

With the focus of the latest Cactus very much on comfort, Citroen has developed an entirely new suspension system it calls a Progressive Hydraulic Cushion that is designed to eliminate bumps and bounces.

The effect is claimed to be

as smooth a ride as the legendary DS models of the 1950s which were the first to come with full hydropneumatic suspension.

To complement the improved ride characteristics, Citroen has also developed a new seat structure for the Cactus which makes use of high density foam cushions to provide greater lumbar support for driver and passengers alike – especially over long distances.

The seats are also said to be harder wearing than before. They look much more sturdy and feel very supportive from the moment they are sat in.

Revealing the new model in Paris, Citroen chief executive Linda Jackson said the intention was to offer the most comfortable hatchback currently on the market.

"Citroen will be the leading car brand when it comes to comfort," she said, adding that the new suspension set up and the revised seats would set a 'gold standard' which would be rolled out across the Citroen range in the coming years.

Citroen has been renowned for its suspension technology for more than 60 years after engineer Paul Mages created the hydropneumatic system which made its debut on Citroen's Traction Avant in 1954 – a car dubbed the Queen of the Road at the time.





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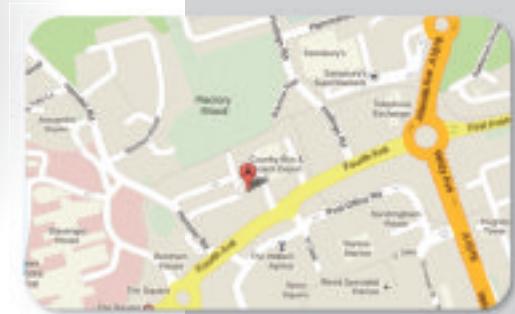
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WHEELS

MINI Countryman Cooper S E ALL4 review by Peter Keenan



AT A GLANCE

- **Model:** MINI Countryman Cooper S E ALL4
- **Price:** £31,585
- **Mechanical:** 224bhp, 1,499cc, 3cyl petrol engine and electric motor driving four wheels via 6-speed automatic gearbox
- **Max speed:** 123mph
- **0-62mph:** 6.8 seconds
- **Combined mpg:** 134.4
- **Insurance group:** 26
- **CO2 emissions:** 49g/km
- **BiK rating:** 9%
- **Warranty:** 3yrs/100,000 miles

MINI GOES LARGE

With the internal combustion engine allegedly heading for the scrapheap it seems that virtually every week a big motor manufacturer announces plans to build electric or hybrid cars.

As increasingly tough emissions standards and bad publicity for fossil fuels play out with buyers, the new buzzword with motor manufacturers is 'electrification'.

Volkswagen has just announced it will build electric versions of every model in its range by 2030 while Mercedes' parent Daimler has vowed a similar move with its own cars by 2022.

Mitsubishi has achieved amazing sales with its Outlander PHEV plug-in so it's no surprise that BMW-owned MINI is leaping on the bandwagon with its first plug-in hybrid SUV – the impressive Countryman S E ALL4.

And the new MINI ensures potential buyers sit up and take notice by making the electric range useable in the

real world without compromising practicality.

For those who want zero-emissions motoring in the urban jungle – and MINI says nine out of ten of its customers drive a maximum of 40 miles a day – the Countryman is undeniably appealing as the efficient lithium-ion battery powers the rear wheels.

But don't think this is simply a city slicker as the addition of a refined 1.5-litre three-cylinder 87bhp petrol turbo engine propelling the front wheels gives it a decent

range and plenty of power for the open road.

It is fun to drive and, while the S badging is slightly misleading, there is still hot hatch performance.

The combined power units boast 224bhp which, with the help of a slick six-speed automatic transmission, sends the Countryman to 62mph from a standing start in scintillating 6.8 seconds.

The handling is excellent and there are also decent levels of grip allowing corners to be taken with confidence thanks to the

intelligent all-wheel drive.

There is a choice of three drive modes – Auto eDrive, Max eDrive and Save Battery.

Auto allows purely electric driving up to a speed of 50mph. The petrol engine then automatically kicks in as it also does if you are accelerating quickly or when the battery charge falls below seven per cent.

The Max setting provides for purely electric driving up to 78mph with a range of 26 miles, while Save Battery does what it says on the tin

making the car reliant on the petrol engine.

For the vast majority of the time Auto mode is the choice unless you want to save the electric power for a city congestion zone where zero emissions come in handy.

The battery lives under the rear seats and can be charged via a household mains electricity socket in a shade over three hours or by a bespoke wall charger unit in two and half hours.

The UK is still in the slow lane when it comes to developing charging infrastructure, but the number of sites offering power points for electric vehicles are increasing with most motorway service stations I've visited recently offering this facility.

Overall emissions of just 49g/km leave the Countryman in the lowest company car tax bracket while its £31,585 price-tag removes it from the clutches of the £310 road tax surcharge for motors costing more than £40,000.

Running costs are further contained with a claimed fuel economy figure of

134mpg when driven under stringent conditions which equates to a still excellent 60mpg-plus in the real world.

There is no cost cutting in the cabin though as soft-touch materials, top quality fit and finish, MINI's usual toggle switches and the dinner plate central screen are all included.

Plenty of kit is thrown in as well with the Countryman getting sat nav, dual-zone air conditioning, DAB radio and Bluetooth, plus cruise control and alloy wheels.

The Countryman is the largest MINI in the range but the battery takes up a bit of space so the 405-litre boot is 45 litres smaller than in the standard car. It opens up to 1,275-litres when the rear seats are folded while space in the back for two adults remains excellent.

The iconic MINI spell is cast through a unique exterior which has been enticing buyers since before Michael Caine planned the Italian Job.

The addition of electric power looks set to make it even more desirable in the modern era.





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WHEELS

Ford Fiesta Titanium 1.0 review by **Robin Roberts**

SEVENTH HEAVEN

AT A GLANCE

■ Model: Ford Fiesta Titanium 125ps 1.0 3dr
■ Price: £16,645
■ Mechanical: 125ps, 999cc, 3 cyl petrol engine driving front wheels via 6-speed manual gearbox
■ Max speed: 121mph
■ 0-62mph: 9.9 seconds
■ Combined mpg: 47
■ Insurance group: 12
■ CO2 emissions: 98g/km
■ BiK rating: 18%
■ Warranty: 3yrs/ 60,000 miles



It's seventh heaven for the Ford Fiesta. Britain's best selling car retains the familiar name and trim levels as the seventh generation arrives but underneath there are some significant and worthwhile changes.

The new model is bigger than the previous series, it has more interior room particularly in three-door style, and it sits on a carefully-tuned suspension which produces a better ride.

The wide range of three and five-door models in five trim levels with five petrol engines and two diesels, two manual and an automatic transmission mean there really is something for everyone in the new Fiesta range.

It's a familiar name and trim but there are some nice surprises like the new six-speed manual gearbox and a much roomier interior while the Ford engineers have also achieved a better ride/handling balance as well.

The engines are updated and there is also for the first time in the Fiesta the availability of a six-speed manual gearbox along with a conventional six-speed

automatic transmission which supersedes the dual clutch unit which had some issues and was costlier.

The new Fiesta gets the latest Ford infotainment and communications system which seamlessly integrates with a mobile phone and a choice of large display screens on the fascia depending on trim.

Our 125ps triple cylinder turbo-petrol engine was an instant starter and with the stop/start ignition system it was ideal for city driving as well as long-legged economy, reflected in our

overall fuel consumption.

It pulled well from rest up to moderate speed but you really had to make use of the slick changing gearbox with its light progressive clutch if you wanted to cover ground when overtaking, for instance. The acceleration is not rapid but reasonable.

On the other hand it is a quiet engine and gearbox unless you edge towards the upper rev limit and it becomes much noisier and this can happen more frequently if the car is loaded with people and the performance tails off along

with the economy.

There is a little road noise but generally it's quiet and wind noise is also very low.

Secondary controls were well placed, operated smoothly and the instruments were fairly big and clear at all times, with a digital variable display in front of the driver which was gradually dropped.

Heating and ventilation was straightforward and worked well with good control, output and direction settings, backed up by powered front windows. Oddments room was

reasonable but not exceptional in a family car in the front and very poor in the back but the bootspace was useful even with the back seat in use and it quickly expanded when they were gradually dropped.

Access was a little tight into the rear seats with its single side doors but once settled the room was good and headroom was very good throughout.

For the driver and passenger the adjustment was useful on the seats and visibility was clear all round, making it ideal for driving school use. Wipers and lights were effective.

The new Fiesta really has moved on in terms of ride

quality and it seems like a much bigger car than it is. You can hear the suspension dismissing potholes and tarmac ridges but only the worst are felt inside.

Road holding inspired a feeling of safety with its grip, character and easy handling nature and the forthcoming ST versions will be eagerly awaited.

My first impression of the new Ford Fiesta left me smiling and a longer acquaintance has reinforced the idea that this is the best version so far and will undoubtedly keep the model at the top of UK sales charts.

It has raised the game in a highly competitive sector of a tough market.



WHEELS

BMW 420d M Sport Coupe review by **Peter Keenan**

GREAT ALL-ROUNDER



AT A GLANCE

■ Model: BMW 420d M Sport Coupe
■ Price: £35,465
■ Mechanical: 190ps, 1,995cc, 4cyl diesel engine driving rear wheels via 6-speed manual gearbox
■ Max speed: 149mph
■ 0-62mph: 7.3 seconds
■ Combined mpg: 62.8
■ Insurance group: 30
■ CO2 emissions: 119g/km
■ BiK rating: 25%
■ Warranty: 3yrs/unlimited miles

The BMW 4 Series Coupe reminds me of England cricket legend Sir Ian Botham as it's a world-class all-rounder.

Whereas some other motors in this sector excel in individual areas, BMW's beauty covers all the bases.

The two-door sibling of the 3 Series saloon was revamped earlier this year and the modern cabin, super chassis, excellent engines and sleek good looks seem set to maintain the class-leading sales figures recorded in the UK since the model was launched in 2013.

COMFORT

Having clambered into the low-slung 420d M Sport, a couple of things became immediately apparent – the seats are incredibly supportive and this is a driver's car with everything you require at your fingertips.

The instruments and dials are easy on the eye at while the steering wheel feels like it was custom-made just for you. The fit and finish is excellent and top-quality

materials are used throughout the modern interior.

The iDrive system, featuring a 6.5-inch colour screen, has been around for a while and BMW has perfected its rotary controller and buttons to be as user friendly as possible. DAB radio and sat nav are included as are the usual ways of hooking your smartphone up to a car.

The M Sport version I drove is a popular choice

amongst 4 Series buyers and it's easy to see why as the muscular looks, snazzy alloy wheels and lower suspension grab your attention.

A four-cylinder turbodiesel lurked under the bonnet which, linked to a slick six-speed manual transmission, added plenty of power to the mix – but not at the cost of frugality.

Despite performance stats that show it sprinting from 0-62mph in a shade over seven seconds, fuel economy

in the real world approaches 50mpg. The oil burner also ensures the company car tax bill is kept down thanks to relatively low carbon dioxide emissions.

This car was rear-wheel drive but as with the majority of BMW models these days, the 4 Series can be specified with a four-wheel drive system. An eight-speed automatic transmission is also available which defies common wisdom and actually reduces

fuel consumption.

Other power plants on the latest 4 Series include three petrol engines – the four-cylinder 420i and 430i plus the top-of-the-range six-cylinder 440i – and a choice of two other diesel engines – the six-cylinder 430d and 435d.

The M Sport is composed and refined on the road cruising along happily when required but also able to mix it on country lanes with sharp handling, well-

weighted steering, great body control and plenty of grip.

Practicality is assured thanks to there being genuine space for four adults without the two in the back having to impersonate sardines.

The boot is a decent size and there is plenty of cubby hole space for your bits and bobs.

Those seeking more versatility can opt for the 4 Series Gran Coupe offering four doors without losing the sleek look, while the 4 Series Convertible cuts the mustard if you want a tourer with a neat retractable metal roof.

On the safety front the usual suspects are included and there are a number of optional extras such as forward collision alert with city collision auto-braking, lane departure warning and adaptive cruise control.

The UK is crucial to the 4 Series' future as it is second in sales only to the USA. BMW expects the latest models to be even more popular and there is every reason to believe this



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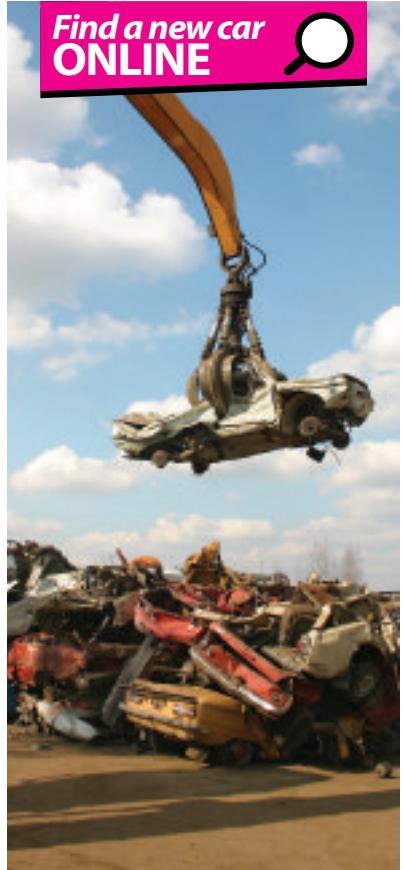
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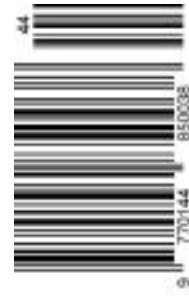
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Hawks aim to build on Trophy triumph

Chapman wants to take winning feeling into league clash

HARLOW Town boss Danny Chapman is hoping his side can take the momentum of their 4-2 FA Trophy replay victory over Aylesbury into this Saturday's league clash at mid-table Brightlingsea Regent.

The Hawks put in a much improved shift on Tuesday night, with goals from Jared Small (six minutes), Reece Dobson (27), Alex Read (38) and Junior Dadson securing their progress into the second qualifying round, where they will face high-flying Dulwich Hamlet.

"I'm massively happy with the result," said Chapman. "We knew on Saturday the performance levels weren't where they'd expect to be.

"In the replay it was about us being on top and being professional and I think we did that."

"The right result came through in the end. Our aim is to get the ball wide and get crosses in the box and that is what we work to do."

"The third goal was a great goal, it was patient and a good finish. All four of the front players have scored so that positive it shows they are getting in the right areas."

"Once went it was 4-1 as much as you want to keep going it killed the game and we came off it a bit, we didn't defend their second goal very well. But let's look at the positives. We've won 4-2 and can look to forward to Brightlingsea away on Saturday – it's one loss in the past seven games."

"The attitude was good and if we take that into the Brightlingsea game there's no reason why we can't get something out of it."

It will be the third time Harlow and Dulwich have faced each other this season, and Chapman admits it's a hard draw.

"It's going to be a tough game they are a good side," he added.

"We know we are going to have to be in top form to get anything from it."

"But they way we've been performing recently there's no reason why we can't progress."

"We'll work on the positives, you have to keep to promoting what you want to do, that's the most important thing."

On Saturday the Hawks started the brightest but were unable to turn their possession into chances as the hosts began to improve.

Begging

Aylesbury almost scored a fortunate goal when a cross from Kieron Schmidt drifted towards goal and Ben McNamara had to react quickly to tip onto the bar and over.

At the other end Jey Siva's free kick was headed back across goal by James Baker, but with no one in the middle to hit home the chance went begging.

Harlow dominated the second half but chances were few and far between.

Midway through Read played Dobson through, but Aylesbury keeper Ashley Jenkins was out quickly to dive at the striker's feet and smother the ball.

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Reece Dobson scored for Harlow in the FA Trophy replay

Photo: ALISON JENKINS

Wright result for Sharon

HARLOW Running Club member Sharon Wright set a new club female Vet 35 record at the Saffron Walden Five Mile race.

She finished in 24th place out of 168 finishers and was third female in an excellent personal best time of 33min 19sec. The record was previously set in 1999.

First home for Harlow was Alex Smith in seventh place in 29:08 (PB). He was followed by: Rob Lowe, 10th and third Vet 40 in 29:42; Adrian Fell, 18th in 32:03 (PB); Ryan Smith, 31st in 34:30; Carinne Jay, 35th and first female Vet 50 in 36:54 (PB); Catherine Ridge, 51st in 36:54; Jim Bates, 80th in 40:19; Martin Elven, 87th in 41:13; Robin Lozeau, 89th in 41:43; Alan Wellbelove, 129th in 47:09 and Sara Coombe, 168th in 72:24.

Meanwhile, at the Stort 30, a 30-mile race along the Stort and Lee footpaths between Bishop's Stortford and Rye House, Martyn Coulter finished in 42nd place out of 247 finishers in 4hr 26min 28sec. Wendy Schroder was 160th in 5:48:51 and Paul Schroder 161st in 5:48:53.

At the Podgorica Half Marathon in Montenegro, Andy Kinney came home 202nd out of 207 finishers in 2:34:11.

At the Finsbury Park 5k, Lorraine Knight was 108th out of 265 finishers in 31:09.

Danny McCree won the Harlow parkrun in 19:40.

Ten tries are run through

HARLOW romped to a 64-27 victory over Woodford in London and SE Division Two North East on Saturday, running in ten tries.

That scoreline looked unlikely in the early stages as Harlow conceded two penalties within the first six minutes to trail 6-0.

Harlow responded when a powerful run by Ross Stalley saw him cross the whitewash with Danny Smith slotting over the first of his seven conversions.

Adam Seeley then peeled off a maul and passed to Michael Weston for Harlow's second converted try and a 14-6 lead.

After 20 minutes Woodford saw their second row yellow carded for a punch off the ball.

Harlow took advantage with Adam Seeley scoring their third try, Smith adding the extras.

Further scores from winger Scott Whitby and centre Andrew Tarsey saw Harlow going into half-time leading 33-6.

It was more of the same after the break.

Rob Mackie fed Dale Stalley who drew in the Woodford defence and passed to Tarsey, who off loaded to Mackie to score Harlow's sixth try. Smith's conversion made it 40-6.

Harlow continued to dominate the game with tries from Michael Weston, Stalley, Seeley and Scott Christie.

Woodford, who never gave up, hit back with three late scores to make it 64-27.

Plenty of medals for Harlow Judo Club's players

HARLOW Judo Club had a very busy and fruitful weekend with members taking part in competitions in London and Cambridge.

The younger players travelled to University of East London, to participate in the London Area Green Belt and Below Open competition.

The team consisted of a mixture of novice and experienced players, with valuable experience was gained throughout the different categories for all players.

There were some outstanding individual performances and for a handful of the team it was

their first major competition outside the club's training dojo.

In the red and yellow belt section, Giacomo Misuraca (15) won a gold medal, while Izzie Germaine (11) and Sofia Kafas (10) both picked up silver.

Bronze medals went to Millie Morgan (eight), George Franks (11) and Fionn Healy (12).

Eli Balski (eight), Harry Franks (ten), Jack Loft (nine), Thomas Norman (ten) and Ramy Mamouri (ten) were unplaced, but battled hard in their respective weight groups.

In the orange and green belt section, the club's second gold medal was won by Owen

Lambert (12).

On Sunday, it was the turn of the club's older players – Nigel Lambert (50), Robert Morgan (36) and Thomas Lambert (16) – to travel to Littleport, Cambridge, to compete in the Youth and Senior Open – a point scoring event.

The competition was split into various sections, with Morgan making a double entry.

The medal success continued with Thomas Lambert winning gold in the Youth U73kg section, while both Nigel Lambert and Morgan picked up silver in the Masters section. Morgan added to his medal tally with bronze in



Harlow Judo Club members proudly show off their medals

Lambert enduring a further 10 minute golden score straight after his second fight to eventually win his group and claim gold.

Morgan fought hard in both his categories with a short break in between the two, while Nigel Lambert, who made a comeback to the sport after taking a long break and was reintroduced back to the sport via his younger son, made a valiant effort.

Head coach, Mick Ellis said: "I could not be prouder of my young student especially as Thomas had been out of the competition circuit for nearly a year due to injury."

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A jealous mood could see you accusing your close ones of things they have not done. Know how far is too far to push them, or you will only undo the good work you spent so much time on last month. This is a great week to go for job interviews, or to ask for more from your work. Admit your dreams, no matter how grand they seem. The bigger the better. Call now for a confidence boost.

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You are not your résumé, you are your work. If you allow others to talk on your behalf professionally, midweek there are going to regret it. Be especially wary of letting others fill in for you. If you want a job done well then do it yourself. Having faith in the younger generation this weekend can see them blossom before your eyes. Ring now to bring out your true potential.

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LEO JULY 23 - AUGUST 23
The Moon makes you more emotional than usual this weekend and you may find yourself pushing close ones for commitments you do not really want. Take a step back and enjoy what each day brings rather than over analysing every moment. If you can put more faith in those closest to you, especially on Friday, then they're sure to pleasantly surprise you. Ring now for a full reading.

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To conquer without risk, is to triumph without glory. The events over the next two weeks are what you have been building up to all year. Scorpio, focus on what you know you want the result to be, not on what others try to talk you into. I know you can do this and so would you if you acknowledge how very far you've come this year. Ring now, we need to talk.

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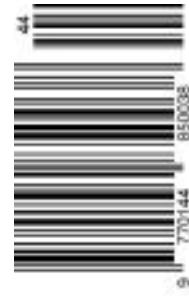
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Hawks aim to build on Trophy triumph

Chapman wants to take winning feeling into league clash

HARLOW Town boss Danny Chapman is hoping his side can take the momentum of their 4-2 FA Trophy replay victory over Aylesbury into this Saturday's league clash at mid-table Brightlingsea Regent.

The Hawks put in a much improved shift on Tuesday night, with goals from Jared Small (six minutes), Reece Dobson (27), Alex Read (38) and Junior Dadson securing their progress into the second qualifying round, where they will face high-flying Dulwich Hamlet.

"I'm massively happy with the result," said Chapman. "We knew on Saturday the performance levels weren't where they'd expect to be.

"In the replay it was about us being on top and being professional and I think we did that."

"The right result came through in the end. Our aim is to get the ball wide and get crosses in the box and that is what we work to do."

"The third goal was a great goal, it was patient and a good finish. All four of the front players have scored so that positive it shows they are getting in the right areas."

"Once went it was 4-1 as much as you want to keep going it killed the game and we came off it a bit, we didn't defend their second goal very well. But let's look at the positives. We've won 4-2 and can look to forward to Brightlingsea away on Saturday – it's one loss in the past seven games."

"The attitude was good and if we take that into the Brightlingsea game there's no reason why we can't get something out of it."

It will be the third time Harlow and Dulwich have faced each other this season, and Chapman admits it's a hard draw.

"It's going to be a tough game they are a good side," he added.

"We know we are going to have to be in top form to get anything from it."

"But they way we've been performing recently there's no reason why we can't progress."

"We'll work on the positives, you have to keep to promoting what you want to do, that's the most important thing."

On Saturday the Hawks started the brightest but were unable to turn their possession into chances as the hosts began to improve.

Begging

Aylesbury almost scored a fortunate goal when a cross from Kieron Schmidt drifted towards goal and Ben McNamara had to react quickly to tip onto the bar and over.

At the other end Jey Siva's free kick was headed back across goal by James Baker, but with no one in the middle to hit home the chance went begging.

Harlow dominated the second half but chances were few and far between.

Midway through Read played Dobson through, but Aylesbury keeper Ashley Jenkins was out quickly to dive at the striker's feet and smother the ball.

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Reece Dobson scored for Harlow in the FA Trophy replay

Photo: ALISON JENKINS

Wright result for Sharon

HARLOW Running Club member Sharon Wright set a new club female Vet 35 record at the Saffron Walden Five Mile race.

She finished in 24th place out of 168 finishers and was third female in an excellent personal best time of 33min 19sec. The record was previously set in 1999.

First home for Harlow was Alex Smith in seventh place in 29:08 (PB). He was followed by: Rob Lowe, 10th and third Vet 40 in 29:42; Adrian Fell, 18th in 32:03 (PB); Ryan Smith, 31st in 34:30; Carinne Jay, 35th and first female Vet 50 in 36:54 (PB); Catherine Ridge, 51st in 36:54; Jim Bates, 80th in 40:19; Martin Elven, 87th in 41:13; Robin Lozeau, 89th in 41:43; Alan Wellbelove, 129th in 47:09 and Sara Coombe, 168th in 72:24.

Meanwhile, at the Stort 30, a 30-mile race along the Stort and Lee footpaths between Bishop's Stortford and Rye House, Martyn Coulter finished in 42nd place out of 247 finishers in 4hr 26min 28sec. Wendy Schroder was 160th in 5:48:51 and Paul Schroder 161st in 5:48:53.

At the Podgorica Half Marathon in Montenegro, Andy Kinney came home 202nd out of 207 finishers in 2:34:11.

At the Finsbury Park 5k, Lorraine Knight was 108th out of 265 finishers in 31:09.

Danny McCree won the Harlow parkrun in 19:40.

Ten tries are run through

HARLOW romped to a 64-27 victory over Woodford in London and SE Division Two North East on Saturday, running in ten tries.

That scoreline looked unlikely in the early stages as Harlow conceded two penalties within the first six minutes to trail 6-0.

Harlow responded when a powerful run by Ross Stalley saw him cross the whitewash with Danny Smith slotting over the first of his seven conversions.

Adam Seeley then peeled off a maul and passed to Michael Weston for Harlow's second converted try and a 14-6 lead.

After 20 minutes Woodford saw their second row yellow carded for a punch off the ball.

Harlow took advantage with Adam Seeley scoring their third try, Smith adding the extras.

Further scores from winger Scott Whitby and centre Andrew Tarsey saw Harlow going into half-time leading 33-6.

It was more of the same after the break.

Rob Mackie fed Dale Stalley who drew in the Woodford defence and passed to Tarsey, who off loaded to Mackie to score Harlow's sixth try. Smith's conversion made it 40-6.

Harlow continued to dominate the game with tries from Michael Weston, Stalley, Seeley and Scott Christie.

Woodford, who never gave up, hit back with three late scores to make it 64-27.

Plenty of medals for Harlow Judo Club's players

HARLOW Judo Club had a very busy and fruitful weekend with members taking part in competitions in London and Cambridge.

The younger players travelled to University of East London, to participate in the London Area Green Belt and Below Open competition.

The team consisted of a mixture of novice and experienced players, with valuable experience was gained throughout the different categories for all players.

There were some outstanding individual performances and for a handful of the team it was

their first major competition outside the club's training dojo.

In the red and yellow belt section, Giacomo Misuraca (15) won a gold medal, while Izzie Germaine (11) and Sofia Kafas (10) both picked up silver.

Bronze medals went to Millie Morgan (eight), George Franks (11) and Fionn Healy (12).

Eli Balski (eight), Harry Franks (ten), Jack Loft (nine), Thomas Norman (ten) and Ramy Mamouri (ten) were unplaced, but battled hard in their respective weight groups.

In the orange and green belt section, the club's second gold medal was won by Owen

Lambert (12).

On Sunday, it was the turn of the club's older players – Nigel Lambert (50), Robert Morgan (36) and Thomas Lambert (16) – to travel to Littleport, Cambridge, to compete in the Youth and Senior Open – a point scoring event.

The competition was split into various sections, with Morgan making a double entry.

The medal success continued with Thomas Lambert winning gold in the Youth U73kg section, while both Nigel Lambert and Morgan picked up silver in the Masters section. Morgan added to his medal tally with bronze in



Harlow Judo Club members proudly show off their medals

Lambert enduring a further 10 minute golden score straight after his second fight to eventually win his group and claim gold.

Morgan fought hard in both his categories with a short break in between the two, while Nigel Lambert, who made a comeback to the sport after taking a long break and was reintroduced back to the sport via his younger son, made a valiant effort.

Head coach, Mick Ellis said: "I could not be prouder of my young student especially as Thomas had been out of the competition circuit for nearly a year due to injury."

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